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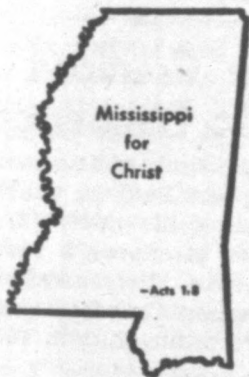


DR. R. C. COOK

President of Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, extends a cordial welcome to all Baptist students coming to the BSU Convention, October 19-21.

OUR FIRST TASK, MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST

Our First Task

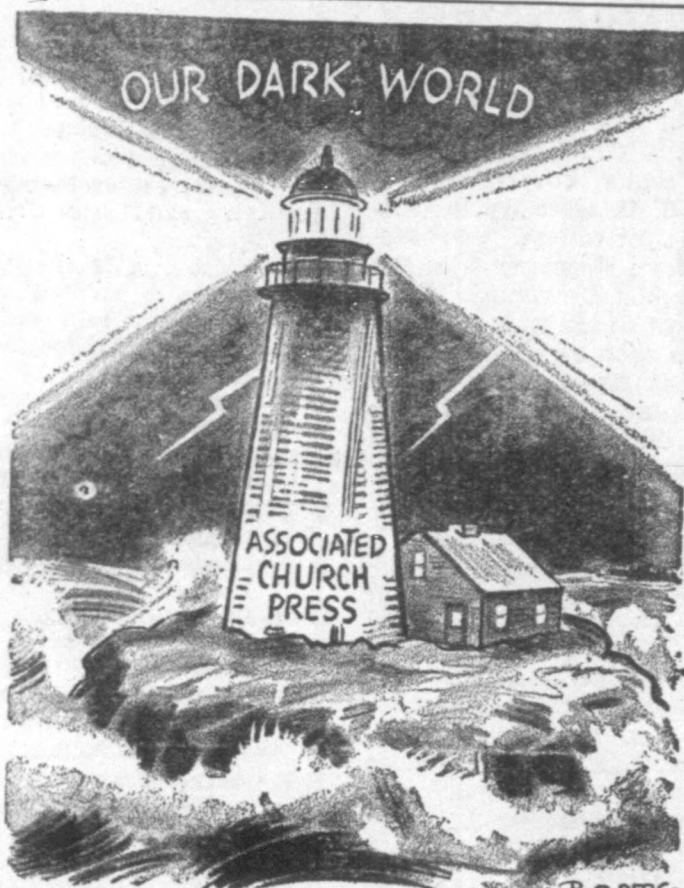


By MARGRE P. McCALL

CHAPTER V TREMENDOUS SCOPE OF STATE MISSIONS (Continued)

Two chapters are necessary to cover even in outline form the tremendous scope of State Missions. Does your heart respond to the almost unbelievably varied services rendered through the Mississippi Baptists' State Mission work? If your church has not had as worthy a share as you believe it should, use the information in this book to give others the vision of the enormous challenge of the work. This is the first time as far as the author knows that the facts have been presented in one book.

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President Truman Endorses Protestant Press Month

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

In this period of rejoicing over the surrender of the last of our Axis foes, we must not lose sight of the solemn obligation which victory brings.

We have defeated forces of evil which knew neither conscience, justice nor mercy. This should quicken our appreciation of the part which spiritual forces must play if we are to bring order back to a war-torn

world. I hope, therefore, that all of the editors of journals affiliated with The Associated Church Press will in the observance of Protestant Press Month emphasize anew the need of a revival of the religious life of this nation.

Without divine guidance and a renewal of our reliance on the everlasting reality of religion, we shall labor in vain to make the world a better and a happier place in which all men may dwell together in peace.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

State Convention Program Released

MEETING BEGINS NOVEMBER 13 Jackson Is Meeting Place

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is scheduled to meet in Jackson Tuesday afternoon, November 13, according to the program released by the program committee, Dr. Howard Spell chairman.

The Convention will meet in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon. Officers of the Convention are: Dr. Norman W. Cox, president; first vice president, Dr. W. A. Bell; second vice president, Rev. W. L. Meadows; secretary, Rev. George Gay.

The Convention will be preceded by the annual Pastors' and Laymen's Conference which will meet on Monday night and Tuesday morning, Nov. 12 and 13.

The Convention program follows:

Tuesday Afternoon

- 2:00—Call to Order and Enrollment.
- 2:05—Song and Prayer Service—William Lowrey Compere.
- 2:15—Miscellaneous Announcements.
- 2:20—Naming of Committee on Committees.
- 2:25—President's Address—Norman W. Cox.
- 2:45—Presentation of Resolutions.
- 3:05—Recognition of New Pastors and Visitors.
- 3:15—Announcements by Book Store Manager—Mrs. O. M. Jones.
- 3:25—American Bible Society—Thomas T. Holloway.
- 3:35—Report of The Gideons, International—James T. Kier.
- 3:45—Distribution of Reports.
- 3:50—Baptist Foundation.
- 4:10—Partial Report of Committee on Committees.

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Report On B.S.U. Work In Mississippi

In June the acting state B. S. U. secretary, Brother Riley Munday, called a meeting of the B. S. U. secretaries and the pastors in college centers. As one result of this meeting, there was appointed a committee to consider needs over the entire state. This committee was composed of J. D. Franks, chairman, J. D. Ray and F. M. Purser. This committee held a meeting in the First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Mississippi on September 6, 1945. The committee invited President W. M. Keithley of Delta State College, and Pastor

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A Favorite Sermon



REV. CARL E. TALBERT
Marion, Miss.

Deut. 6:1-15.

Here Moses is giving some instructions to the children of Israel before they go into the promised land. He is warning them not to forget their God when they come into the land and become prosperous. In order to help them he tells them to teach the

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OPPORTUNITY FOR RETURNING SERVICEMEN

One of the great opportunities facing the churches today is the enlisting of our returning servicemen. A need long recognized by people interested in the missionary education of boys is a larger number of men counselors for Royal Ambassador chapters. This opportunity and need

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The Baptist Record Every Family Plan Helps Reach The Unenlisted

A FAVORITE SERMON (Continued from Page One)

laws of God in their homes. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6) has been one of the hindrances of all times to God and His people. Much of this is due to a lack of Bible study in the home. I. The Command of the Lord.

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7.

"If ye love me keep my commandments." John 14:15. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. We find that God holds the man responsible; but when man fails in his duty to God, then we are thankful for the influence of godly women.

II. The Need of Bible Study in the Home.

There is a danger of forgetting God. People today are busy making good. Many are working seven days a week and have more money than they know what to do with. There is less dependence upon God. This is a timely warning to us all.

Talk to the boys and girls of today and you will see the need. Many do not know what Christmas and Easter really mean. These have been coated over with paganism so long till even Christian parents teach myths and not the truth. Our young people know much more about movie actors and actresses than they do about the great characters of the Bible. Give them a test and it will open your eyes. Many of our high school students and even college students do not know even the rudiments of Christianity. Space forbids illustrations out of my experience.

Our Sunday schools are doing much; but with 30 minutes a week they cannot accomplish what is needed. Our schools until recently have not taught the Bible (I doubt the wisdom of this); so this need must be met by the home. There is nothing better than the example of a godly father and mother reading and encouraging the reading of God's Word in the home. The home influence is much greater than the school and Sunday school combined.

III. The Influence of Bible Study in the Home.

1. Helps our children find salvation early. "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." 2 Tim. 3:15.

2. Helps set moral standards that will make better citizens, neighbors, business men, etc. If our children had been taught the word of God would we have so much profanity, gambling, dishonesty, drunkenness and desecration of the Lord's Day?

3. Helps us to overcome temptations and sin.

"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11. Jesus used the Scriptures to defeat Satan.

4. Helps us to meet life with confidence.

An aged lady on the street when she saw army trucks passing said, "I wish I were dead." But when we know God's Word we find help and strength. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither like the green herb."

REPORT ON B. S. U. WORK IN MISSISSIPPI (Continued from Page One)

Charles Treadway of Cleveland to be present at the meeting.

After informal discussion the committee voted to recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board the employment of a full-time B. S. U. secretary at Delta State College.

Chairman Franks presented a report from the acting B. S. U. secretary, Riley Munday, and a summary of a report prepared by Owen Cooper. After rather lengthy informal discussion, the committee was convinced that in normal times we should have a full-time B. S. U. secretary in each state-owned senior college, and a half-time B. S. U. secretary in each state-owned junior college. The committee, therefore, recommends to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board the employment of ten B. S. U. secretaries, one for each state-owned senior college, and five to serve in the state-owned junior colleges. It is estimated by the committee that the salaries of these secretaries probably will be:

University of Mississippi	-----\$ 1,800
Mississippi State	----- 1,800
M. S. C. W.	----- 1,800
Delta State College	----- 1,500
Mississippi Southern	----- 1,800
The five junior colleges	----- 7,500
Total	-----\$16,200
Probable traveling expenses of junior college secretaries	--- 800
Grand total	-----\$17,000

It was the opinion of the committee that the secretaries in the junior colleges can satisfactorily serve two colleges each. To do this they would of necessity have to have some traveling expense money.

The committee considered the immediate need for better physical equipment in the college centers of three of the senior colleges. The committee recommends to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board that the Board grant:

\$20,000 toward the construction of a B. S. U. center at Columbus.
20,000 toward the construction of a new church at Oxford.
3,000 toward remodeling the First

(Ps. 37:1-2). "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." (Ps. 23:1). "I can do ALL things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13.)

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14.)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." What then is to be feared?

May I urge those of you who love the Lord, and love His Word, to teach His commandments unto your children in your home. This is the best solution to our problems of the world.

STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM RELEASED (Continue from Page One)

4:20—Report of Radio Committee—Claud Bowen.
4:30—Convention Sermon—L. E. Green. (Alternate: A. S. Johnston.)
Tuesday Evening

7:00—Song and Prayer Service—Neece Elsey.
7:15—Report of Committee on Committees.
7:20—Our Southwide Program—Merrill D. Moore.
7:50—Special Music—Chorale Choir, Misosissippi College.
7:55—Dedication of Baptist Building—D. A. McCall.
8:30—State Missions—D. A. McCall.
9:30—Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning
8:30—Song and Praise Service—Luther Harrison.
8:45—Reading of Minutes.
8:50—Report of Committee to Review Social Service Report.
9:00—Baptist Orphanage Report—W. G. Mize.
9:15—Baptist Hospital—Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy.
9:30—Temperance—Miss Vashti Ishee.
9:40—Baptist Record—A. L. Goodrich.
10:00—Relief and Annuity—C. J. Olander. Christian Education.
10:15—Mississippi College Enlargement Program.
11:00—Blue Mountain College.
11:15—Mississippi Woman's College.
11:25—Clarke College.
11:35—Ministerial Education.
11:45—Theological Education.
12:10—Election of Officers.
12:15—Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon
1:30—Song and Prayer Service—Lowrey Compere.
1:40—Report of Committee to Review Convention Board's Report.
2:00—Baptist Brotherhood—Hugh F. Latimer, Associate Secretary of Baptist Brotherhood of South.
2:20—Baptist Training Union—Auber J. Wilds.
2:40—Baptist Student Union—Riley Munday.
3:00—Woman's Missionary Union—Miss Edwina Robinson.
3:20—Sunday School Work—E. C. Williams.
3:40—Music Department—Luther Harrison.
4:00—Committee on World Peace.
4:20—State Evangelistic Crusade—W. A. Bell.
4:40—Our Baptist Chaplains.
5:00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening
7:00—Song and Praise Service—Luther Harrison.
7:20—Home Missions—in charge of W. A. Hewitt.
Address by Courts Redford.
8:20—Special Music.
8:25—Foreign Missions—J. D. Franks.
Baptist Church at Starkville.

\$43,000 total.

The committee recommends that the money for Columbus and Oxford be paid only after other funds are in hand sufficient to complete the buildings, but that the Convention Board set aside this money in 1946 and hold it in reserve for these buildings. The committee further recommends that the executive secretary of the Convention Board be requested and instructed to co-operate in every way possible in helping the local forces in Columbus, Oxford, and Starkville in raising their part of the funds necessary for such buildings.

J. D. FRANKS,
J. D. RAY,
FRANK MOODY PURSER,
Secretary for the Committee.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RETURNING SERVICEMEN (Continued from Page One)

dovetails to make a profitable and desirable solution to the situation.

The outdoor life of a large number of the returning servicemen and the different branches of service in which they have served, such as aviation, radio, radar, and parachute groups, will qualify them for a perfect score in boy interest. Our men are coming back with a different feeling toward missions than when they entered the service. Many have seen firsthand what the mission program has accomplished. Thousands are alive today because Christians sent missionaries to evangelize and civilize the islands of the Pacific. These experiences retold in chapter meetings, on hikes, and around the campfire will make missions alive and vital for the boys of your church.

Every man who has been across knows what it will take in food, clothing, building material, medicine and Christian goodwill to rebuild the world. America must furnish the missionaries as well as material needs. Servicemen will be in a position to offset the feeling of hate generated in the thinking of our youth by war propaganda. Think how they can lay a foundation in the minds of our boys for the great missionary challenge ahead.

The rebuilding of the world will be determined by the missionary training of the builders. Royal Ambassador activities in mission programs, ranking advancement, hikes, summer camps and mission projects will train for Christian building.

Enlist the very best of your returning young men to work with your Royal Ambassadors. Write your state Royal Ambassador leader at state headquarters for information concerning Royal Ambassadors.

Chaplain Cranford Called To Lumberton

The First church of Lumberton has called Chaplain Paul H. Cranford as pastor pending his release from the army, which is expected within the next few weeks. Before entering the service Chaplain Cranford was pastor of Bowmar Avenue church, Vicksburg.

During a recent leave from Fort Bliss, Texas, Brother Cranford was the evangelist during the Lumberton revival. There were 25 additions to the church.

Rev. Jack Cranford, Sr., of Collins has been supplying the pulpit for the last two months. The church has grown steadily and repairs are being made on the pastor's home anticipating the arrival of the new pastor and his family.

Address by E. C. Routh.
Thursday Morning
8:30—Song and Praise Service—Ray F. Dykes.
8:45—Reading of Minutes.
8:50—Miscellaneous Business.
9:00—Report of Committees on Resolutions.
9:30—Baptist Historical Society.
9:40—Report of Special Committees.
9:50—Report of Committee on Nominations.
10:15—Report of Committee on Time, Place, Preacher.
10:25—Baptist Opportunities in Today's World—Dewey Moore.
11:00—Reaching Our Returning Service Men.
11:45—Miscellaneous Business.
12:00—Adjournment.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall ALL men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35.

I

A fine spirit was manifest at BBI on Founder's Day. In the absence of Dr. Duke McCall who was away in previously made engagements Dr. P. H. Anderson presided. He saw that everybody was in good humor and thoroughly at home. We had the privilege of bringing the message. It was good to see a great many of our Mississippi students. Incidentally they are in the majority this session among the state groups.

We had the privilege Friday of speaking in Kemper county three times. We faced about 300 youngsters at the Linnville school. Professor Palmer and the other faculty members were certainly gracious. Despite the rain there was a fair attendance at the Kemper Association. The pastors were present in numbers, reports were good and the entertainment excellent.

On Sunday we were happy to supply at Carthage for Dr. Wm. Potter. They speak highly of his leadership, and large congregations were present. In the afternoon we were at New Hope, a fine large church in Leake county. Again a large crowd assembled for the worship service. We were delightfully entertained in the homes of Brethren M. M. Keith and O. H. Barnett. Professor A. D. Richardson saw that we were on time at our engagements, according to schedule.

II

If Mississippi Baptists are wise and forward looking they will study carefully the proposals by our splendid pastors who serve at state-supported college centers. We expect loyalty from our Baptist students who attend these schools and expect financial support from them for all the work of Christ. They need to be developed, cultivated and challenged during their student days, just as do others. It will react to the good of all concerned if we help give them the best of leadership and equipment.

We believe very much in the sovereignty of the local church within the sovereignty of God. Some talk we hear about the sovereignty of the local church suggests that because a church may vote a thing, that makes the thing right. Frankly, we see little difference between that and the so-called infallibility of the Pope. Perhaps if we had more talk about the sovereignty of God, there would be less boasting about personal independence. We love the church as we love no other institution in all the world, yet the church is not on top. **God is at the top! Heaven is at the top!** Often churches rise and disappear. A church has stood on one hilltop after another in Mississippi, but because it refused to do the will of God, that church is no more.

III

We wish all Southern Baptists might have "looked in" on the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee at Nashville. It was an open meeting with state secretaries, editors, institution heads and other friends invited and present. Anyone desiring to do so had the opportunity of speaking to any matter before the group. It was a 100% democratic meeting and calculated to inspire confidence in everybody.

Our own Convention Board meetings are open to the public, and visitors are always presented. These pastors are accorded the privilege of the floor. Again, we see Baptist democracy, 100% pure, at work. At least, in our thinking, the meetings of all our boards and conventions should be open.

A fellow came along laughing, saying, "This is a funny world. The ladies of the church say the men are dictators. The men say the deacons are dictators, the deacons say the pastors are dictators, the pastors say the associational missionaries are dictators. The associational men say that the state men are dictators, the state men say the southwide men are dictators, the southwide men say that the Federal Council is dictator, the Federal Council says that Hitler is a dictator! Hitler is dead. So, let us start all over again."

Our simple observation is, that if Baptists have nothing more to talk about, we suppose that is a very fine line of thought. Somehow, to us it does not measure up with our idea of men for whom Jesus died, and whom He did commission for a great task!

We have before us the Junior Superintendent's Manual for use with the graded Junior Sunday school lessons. It is very fine and should be made available to every superintendent in that department.

IV

God delivered to Jeremiah a difficult task to a rebellious people! They were God's professed people but a selfish and stubborn lot! God said to Jeremiah, "**Be not afraid of their faces.**" (Jeremiah 1:8.) Make it practical! Bring it up-to-date! When a "wise" and "courageous" brother gets up and scowls, ordinary mortals should tremble! Nevertheless God says, "Don't you worry, I will take care of you and handle him!" "I am with thee to deliver thee." (Jer. 1:8.)

"**Study to be quiet and do your own business.**" (I Peter 4:15). Much personal trouble would be averted if we practised this! Much church trouble would never arise if we heeded this! Much national and international strife would disappear if the Bible were believed at this point!

A preacher came to us much disturbed because another preacher had gossiped about him, spreading falsehoods about him. We tried to strengthen him in something like these words: "Let God handle him! He is big enough to do that thing! (Isaiah 41:10.) He reaps as he sows! If he sows strife, lies and what not, he will reap the same. See Galatians 6:7-9, and 5:17-26. That is God's pronounced, inexorable law! Second, he really compliments you by paying that much attention to you. One does not shoot bullets at ants, but at larger game! Third, follow Jesus as He prays for His enemies, 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.' (Luke 23:34.) Early in His ministry He taught, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good

to them that hate you.' (Matt. 5:44.) Only God's MAN may do that! Be God's man! Fourth, remember some people want the truth, and some people prefer falsehood. Those who count want the truth! God said a long time ago some did not love the truth so, 'God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.' (II Thes. 2:11.) We have seen that thing operate. A man told a preacher an untruth about another. The hearer was a spiritual minister. He investigated and discovered it to be UNTRUE. The gossip, a preacher, told the same untruth to another preacher. This man was not so spiritual. He accepted the falsehood and became greatly stirred up over it. Preacher friend, layman friend, if you and I try to stop all the gossip and straighten out all the lies we are going to neglect some soul winning and other IMPORTANT WORKS OF CHRIST!"

V

GOD IS ON TRIAL

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:10.

The meaning of this passage is clear, but the things implied are many. Let us not read too much into it. It does not promise that tithing will guarantee physical success. The blessings of God are often expressed in other ways besides in commercial values.

I. GOD'S PROMISES BIND HIMSELF AS WELL AS US!

1. His promises are all conditional. Forgiveness of sin depends on repentance and faith. Joy and happiness depend on our obedience.

2. His Promises to the patriarchs were conditions: God's preservation depended on Noah's obedience to God's commands. Had he disobeyed he would have perished as his neighbours perished who disbelieved. When Abraham left Ur to wander in an unknown land, his faith in God was on trial, but God's confidence in Abraham was also on trial. When Moses went to Egypt to deliver the Jews, he risked his life; he hung all on God's promises, but God hung all on Moses' faithfulness and obedience. Had he failed God the disappointment would have been as great as if God had failed Moses.

3. His promises are conditional. Salvation depends on repentance and faith. Usefulness depends on our consecration and usability.

4. What the promise of this text involves: **It involves right motives!** Promise of God's abundant blessings does not depend on the liberal paying of one-tenth of our income to the church; the deed may be robbed of its value by a wrong motive. If one does it in the hope of gain, it is spoiled.

It involves honesty and integrity. Some borrow from the tithe when hard pressed, but never repay it; this is dishonesty. Men who would not steal from men will thus steal from God.

It involves regularity. Whoever allows his tithes to accumulate will not likely find a convenient day in which to pay them.

It involves worship. In fact, it is worship, and should be done in the spirit of worship, else tithing will have no spiritual value.

II. GOD'S PROMISES ARE TO BE TESTED BY EXPERIENCE!

1. In this passage He says, "Prove me now herewith." The Psalmist said, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good." The only way to discover God is by experience. His promises may be tried in our own experiences that we may know for ourselves.

2. Prayer is more than a theory. It is a possibility. It may be put to the test. If it is a false theory it can be disproved by experience, and God invites men to test it by their own experience.

3. Salvation is an experience: God calls on men to try Him. The most vicious critic in the world may put God to the test. Let him meet God's conditions and see for himself whether God will hear him, and answer him.

4. Tithing is an experience that may be tested in one's life. This text makes a very bold assertion, one that men may prove or disprove, the answer of which may be found in any man's experience. There are thousands who are ready to give their testimony now, that have put God's promise to the test and God has not failed them.—W. W. Melton.

168 Dedications At Clinton

September 30-October 7 were truly "eight great days" at the Clinton Baptist Church, with Dr. Morris Ford pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, as the visiting evangelist. The messages were based on the theme "Conquering Through Christ." Classes at Mississippi College were dismissed for the morning services. Special music was presented each morning by college students.

Services were also conducted at the public school auditorium during the week. There were approximately two dozen decisions for Christ at these services.

Three choirs were featured during the meeting. The chorus choir was under the direction of E. N. Elsey, minister of music. The Junior choir was under the direction of Miss Ione

McDonald. The Intermediate choir was directed by Herbert Batson, minister of religious education. Mrs. Frank Randle was the organist and Miss Martha Burckhalter was the pianist.

During the first seven days of the meeting more than twenty made professions of faith in Christ or joined the local church in the regular services. At the concluding service on Sunday evening 168 took part in the decision service. Many of these participating in this service made decisions for full-time Christian service. Others reaffirmed their loyalty to Christ and dedicated themselves to an advance in their Christian living.

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The enrollment at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, for the fall semester now reaches 881. This is 47 more than were enrolled for the same term in 1944.

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A PARABLETTE

Once upon a time the ruler of
a great kingdom sent forth his
armies to battle the foe and to
extend the boundaries of his empire.
He selected leaders and
gave them careful instructions in
the great objectives he had in
mind. He laid down certain guiding
principles and left it to their
ability and loyalty to him to
achieve success in the great war.

Then went the commanders
forth to carry out the overall
plans of their commander-in-
chief. They set lieutenants under
them and charged them with the
details of the great offensive and
defensive action, each in his own
sector. They, in turn, placed under
themselves others in command
of smaller groups charged
with minute details.

After all was set, the ruler
gave his marching orders and
they engaged the enemy.

At first, for many days, success
followed in their wake. Victorious
reports from all the theatres
of action rolled into the headquarters.
It seemed full success was
almost at hand.

Alas, then something happened!
Within the councils of the
leaders selfishness developed.
Each one was interested in having
the highest praise for his exploits.
The commanders became conceited
and were more concerned
about their own reputations as
four-star generals than in the
ultimate success of the great
objectives of the ruler. They sacrificed
his interests to their own
ends, whenever it pleased them.

Then called the ruler all the
commanders in his armies and he
read to them a stern edict. They
were startled into a realization of
their conduct. In his ultimatum
he said to them: "If you do not
bring forth fruits in keeping with
the great objectives I have in
mind, I shall remove you, every

one, and put in your place men
who will carry out my plans, and
not their own!"

BR— READ RECORD— SENT CHECK

We received a letter a few days
ago which we are publishing below.
Brother Burke not only
read of the need for relief among
our aged ministers, but he responded
in a material way with an offering.

If each of us would respond in
such a way as we hear sermons
and read articles telling of the
needs about us, the lost people of
the world would be evangelized
and the suffering in war torn
lands would be alleviated:

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I note your editorial in re relief for
aged ministers.

If there is anything that touches my
heart, it is an old soldier of the cross,
that has given the best part of his life
for the Master's cause, and is now almost
forgotten.

You see, I am old enough to remember
when they used to ride many miles in
model T's, and even horseback, to
serve churches that paid them very
poorly.

Somehow I was unable to find the
"other column" you spoke about. So
I am sending you the check, and ask
you to kindly get same to the right
place.

Yours very truly,
M. P. BURKE.

BR— LET DOCTRINE PREVAIL

Strong propaganda is being
hurled at the American people
by totalitarian churches. Great
volleys of it are being poured
through the movies, leading magazines,
advertisements, papers,
pamphlets, special propagandizers
and many other wiley ways. Now
what are we going to do to meet
this definite effort to snow under
evangelical Christianity? Our
human nature causes us to respond
with ideas of meeting this
move head-on, and clashing it out
with kindred weapons and organizations
and methods. Our better
judgment persuades us to avoid
advertising it by referring to it
in our program. Our main reaction
to this super-effort to absorb
America MUST be that we
will preach the truth. Only the
truth sets free; only the truth will
prevail. Then we must preach
DOCTRINE. Our Baptist message
is logical, sensible, appealing, and
powerful. There will be many,
many people who will be subject
to this move if they are not informed.
We must preach doctrine! Baptist
doctrine, which is Bible doctrine.

BR— INFORMATION WANTED

The Baptist Record wants to
learn the name of the church
clerk in Mississippi who has
served longest.

Forty-six years is the record we

now have. Any clerk having
served one church continuously
for a longer period is asked to
notify The Baptist Record.

BR— "WHEN I WAS A CHILD . . ."

"When I was a child, I spake
as a child . . ." but when "I became
a man I put away childish things.
..." This ideal in the
past was impressed upon the boys
in the home. In those days they
wore "short pants" and when
they became "men" they "put on
long pants." That was a great
occasion in the home. When
father carried the boy to get his
first suit of clothes like the men
wore, the family members watched
eagerly for their return. Many
were the admiring remarks, and
the loving pride of the parents
gleamed in their eyes. The boy
was "grown up" now!

Mentally, he was expected to
"act like a man" and to be dependable,
steady and ready to begin
to assume his obligations as a
young citizen in special ways.

Are we, as Americans, getting
away from that attitude of "growing
up" in this generation? Are
we still trying to act like children?
Is it a mark of popularity to be
irresponsible and immature?

We read in the daily papers
about the service man who, when
he heard that Japan had surrendered,
snatched up a brick-bat and cried,
"Where is a window I can break?
V-J day is here!"

Is that remark typical of the
mental immaturity of a people
which has spent untold billions
for "educating" its youth? Are
some of the so-called "comedies,"
presented with crude slapstick
antics, appealing to adults and
young people?

One mark of mature people is
the "ability to get along with
others." To "get along" does not
mean to agree perfectly. It may
mean to differ with others without
starting a "battle" over it! Baptists,
of all people, must act as men
if they would fulfill to the
highest their destiny in the world.

BR— A GOOD DEED

Recently Mrs. Christopher
Longest of Oxford wrote that
her circle of the W. M. S. of
Oxford Baptist Church desired
The Baptist Record sent to one of
their shut-ins and inclosed payment
for a year's subscription.

No doubt there are hundreds of
shut-ins in the state, many of
whom do not get the Record.
Other W. M. S. circles could do
a good deed and help cheer
lonesome shut-ins as circle No. 3 of
Oxford has done.

Mrs. Jim Myers recently sent her own
subscription and in addition a birthday
subscription for her mother, Mrs. Nettie
Myers, who will be 80 on November 6.

New Prospect Celebrates Centennial

New Prospect church in Monroe
county observed its one hundredth
anniversary on September 30, with a
homecoming celebration, services all
day and a bountiful dinner-on-the-
ground. More than 300 guests registered
in the record book for the day.
Among those on the program
were Cooper Hartley of Clarksdale;
J. R. Reedy, of Eupora, who preached
the sermon; Charles G. Hamilton, of
Aberdeen; Lawrence Smith, of Aberdeen,
and M. V. Owings. The following
musicians added much to the
pleasure of the day: Mesdames
Stoddard and Foster in a duet; Anna
Lynn Reedy, in a solo; Messrs. Martin,
Taylor, Nix and Harrington in a
quartet; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Glen, son
and daughter in quartets, and Oscar
Miller of Eupora in a solo. The committee
in charge of arrangements for the
day was Clarence Stoddard, Leo
Pickle and Melvin Taylor. J. F. Hartley
is pastor.

The church was organized August
28, 1845 by a missionary, David W.
Andrews, assisted by a Bro. Howell,
both of Fayette county, Alabama.
October 1916 and July 1917 were the
only times the church has ever been
without a pastor. The first house
was a log cabin. The next house
was built in 1860, and the present
structure was erected in 1908. Charter
members of the church were John
Hazel, George West, William West,
Mary Stinson, Sarah West, Elender
West and Liza Dinkins. The first
new members were Mr. and Mrs. Joel
Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Elender Butler.
Joel Butler and William Dinkins were
the first deacons. David Andrews
served as the first pastor. Other pastors
were: Brethren Cooperwood,
Finney, Richards, Keenum, Hilburn,
Pulley, Coleman, Hughey, Ball, Cain,
Paden, Houghton, Potter, Jenkins,
Harrington, Gayer, Nelson, Birmingham,
Tulley, Ballard, Sammon, Landrum,
Nix, Duke, Owings, Rogers and
Harley. Bro. Owings was the only
former pastor present on the happy
occasions, but greetings were sent by
others.

The following men have served as
deacons in the church: Joel Butler,
Wm. Dinkins, Geo. West, Wm. Ware,
T. H. Pope, W. A. Ware, Wm. Grace,
R. L. Smith, Harry Pace, Raymond
Reedy, J. J. Lackey, Leo Pickle, Alvin
Bennett and Loyd Smith. The following
have been treasurers: Hudson
Butler, R. C. Crenshaw, W. A. Ware,
R. L. Smith and Alvin Bennett. The
following have been church clerks:
Hudson Butler, J. M. Hargrove, Wm.
Hill, M. F. West, Wiley Murff, John
Rye, S. C. Cooper, W. T. Ware, J. J.
Basham, W. A. Ware, R. L. Smith,
Raymond Reedy, Eulis Smith and
Clarence Stoddard. R. L. Smith
served 37 years as deacon, 34 years
as clerk and 11 years as Sunday
school superintendent. Raymond
Reedy served as deacon, clerk and
Sunday school superintendent, and
was the first and only ordained minister
in the church.

There have been 543 additions by
baptism and 242 by letter. The present
membership is 210. New Sunday
school rooms were added to the
church in 1942, and the building has
recently been painted inside and out
without incurring any debt.

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Sparks & Splinters-

The Baptist Record is thankful for a good list of subscriptions from Cedar Grove church, Greene county, sent in by Miss Alma Dean Coker. Churches and friends like this have helped The Baptist Record almost to the 52,000 mark in circulation.

To those who think that the men in service do not appreciate The Baptist Record we quote from a recent letter from Chaplain Alvin Collier: "Since my subscription expired I have been missing The Baptist Record. Inclosed is my renewal."

The Volunteer is a monthly magazine of very easy music devoted to the interest of untrained choirs. Each issue contains four or more numbers of a very easy grade for church services. The October number contains the following selections: Sweeter Every Moment; Break Forth Unto Joy; His Way is Best; I Shall Not Want; Trust and Obey; Hear Us, O Father; Offer Unto God Thanksgiving. Subscriptions are \$1.25 per year. Single copies are 12c. Orders should be sent to the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

P. S. Pearson of Rt. 3, Eupora, recently sent a good list of renewal subscriptions from Shady Grove church, Zion Association.

A King is Born Today is a Christmas song, the verse for medium voice solo, the spirited refrain for choir. The price is 12c and orders should be sent to the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. James E. Bailey has resigned the pastorate of Evansville church, Tate county. His successor is Rev. L. B. Kennley.

Christmas Carols and Chorals contains 22 numbers that should be a valuable addition to the musical library of any choir. The price is 10c per copy and orders should be sent to the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. L. C. Pinnix (native of Monroe county, Mississippi) and Mrs. Pinnix (the former Louise McMahon of Batesville) of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, were seriously injured in an automobile accident recently. Their car skidded on wet pavement and turned over. Mrs. Pinnix had a vertebra crushed, but has been able to return home from the hospital. Mr. Pinnix is still in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, with a broken back.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman preached in the Oakland (California) auditorium from August 21 to September 9. Music was directed by J. Stratton Shufelt of Chicago. Thirty churches of the city participated in the campaign and the attendance ranged from 1,000 to 2,000. Decision cards were signed by 516 people and they have been distributed to 75 churches.

Day of Peace is an anthem for four-part mixed voices with words and music by John M. Ramsey. The price is 14c and the publisher is the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Christine Swindall of Sweetman has sent a club of 10 subscriptions for Harmony church, Zion Association—another helper toward the 52,000 mark.

The Choir Leader is a monthly magazine furnishing an anthem for every Sunday. The music is medium to difficult. The October number contains the following numbers: Fear Not, O Land; Praise Be, O Lord, to Thee; Morning Prayer; Oh, Give Thanks Unto the Lord; A Call to Prayer. Single subscriptions are \$1.50 per year, single copies are 15c each. Order from the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Wanted: Church pews or benches. Any church having pews for sale please notify The Baptist Record office and we will pass the information on to the interested party.

John Robert Gerrard, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. Y. Gerrard of Canton, was born and died on October 6 at the King's Daughters Hospital in Canton. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery at Yazoo City on Saturday afternoon with Rev. C. Z. Holland of First Baptist Church, Canton, in charge. Pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches assisted in the service. We extend our sympathy to these friends in the loss of their baby.

Mrs. Ray Powers, reporter for Pearl City church, Jackson, writes that they are adding four Sunday school rooms and a baptistry to their church. The rooms will soon be ready for use. They also are obtaining a nice supply of books for their church library.

Rev. John A. Wade of Kilmichael recently sent a list of new and renewal subscriptions.

The church budget was presented and accepted by the Pinola church on October 7. The following officers were elected to serve for the next year: Treasurer, J. W. Bush; clerk, J. W. Bush, Jr.; chorister, Mrs. H. T. Bishop; pianist, Mrs. T. D. Love, Jr.; assistant pianist, Richard Vinson; superintendent of VBS, Mrs. H. T. Bishop; assistant, Mrs. C. H. Allen; church reporter, Jessie Ree Allbritton; Sunday school superintendent, J. W. Bush; associate, J. L. Watts; secretary, J. W. Bush, Jr.; assistant, H. L. Vinson; teachers, I. N. Farmer, Mrs. J. W. Bush, Jr., Mrs. H. T. Bishop, Mrs. C. H. Allen, Mrs. James Giles, Mrs. C. W. Chappell, Mrs. H. L. Vinson; assistant teachers: J. A. White, Mrs. I. N. Farmer, J. L. Watts, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Williams, Mrs. Z. B. McAlpin and Mrs. C. L. Allbritton.

The revival meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Church, Stonewall, Mississippi, will begin October 21, and will continue through October 28. Dr. L. G. Gates of Laurel, Mississippi, will do the preaching. W. M. Privette will be in charge of the music, and Mrs. Decker will serve as pianist. Services will be conducted each morning at 10 o'clock and each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

According to Dr. Austin Crouch, Mississippi stands sixth in total southwide contributions for September. According to the report Mississippi's total amounted to \$23,163; \$19,540 was for Cooperative Program objects and \$3,662 was designated. Dr. Crouch also reported total gifts for the year of \$4,416,941, an increase over the same period in 1944 of \$1,054,364.

Mrs. Josie Shoffner recently sent a list of new and renewal subscriptions from Bethany church, Marshall county. Rev. F. Z. Huffstatler is the pastor.

Dr. C. Roy Angell of Miami, Florida, will be heard in a series of broadcasts over WCBI of Columbus, 7:30 Sunday mornings through the rest of the year, as announced by the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, director, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. J. W. Middleton, Mississippian and former Clinton pastor, now pastor of First church, Atlanta, Georgia, recently preached a series of morning sermons on prayer. The subjects were: What Profit if We Pray? How Can God Answer Prayer? How to Pray Expecting an Answer, Why Prayers Are Not Answered, Our Helper in Prayer. On the same Sundays he preached a series of evening sermons using the following subjects: God Is!—The Eternal Mind; Are Miracles Possible?—The Supernatural; "What Manner of Man Is This?"—The Deity of Christ; Believing the Bible—An Authoritative Revelation; The Only Logical End for Evil—Hell.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon will represent the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Jackson November 13-15.

Brewer: Perry county: It was a great privilege to have with us last week our state Sunday school secretary, E. C. Williams, who led us in a great way in the study of the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School." Also we had Rev. W. L. Yateman teaching the Intermediates; Mrs. Yateman the Juniors. The enrollment was 48. We hope to see a standard Sunday school within the next month. Our building program for a better church building is under way, and the prospects are that we will have the new annex soon. We started the new Sunday school year off with an enrollment of 65 pupils and seven officers and teachers.—Luther K. Turner, pastor.

Senatobia Baptists and their friends enjoyed a treat October 10 when Dr. D. A. McCall, our beloved Convention Board secretary, visited them and gave an address illustrated with his pictures of Palestine and Alaska. A large congregation attended the service.

The publishing of the Honor Roll in the county paper has become a custom with the Senatobia Baptist Sunday school. All making from 90 to 100 on the Six-Point System are read out each quarter to the school by Mrs. H. L. Martin, secretary of grading, the list is printed the following week. The secretary also preserves the grades of all members of the school in a permanent record.

A recent religious census of the territory around Calvary church, Greenwood, Dr. R. A. Tullios, pastor, revealed 130 evangelistic possibilities and 175 Baptists with membership elsewhere.

Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, First church, Columbus, writes that the Columbus Association will meet on October 24 at First church, Columbus, instead of New Salem church as previously reported. The Baptist historical picture, "The Romance of a Century," will be shown on Tuesday night, October 23.

The following associations meet next week: Jones at Antioch, Oct. 22 and 23; Montgomery at Milligan Springs, Oct. 23; Simpson at Antioch, Oct. 23; Gulf Coast at Biloxi, Oct. 23 and 24; Columbus at First Church Columbus, Oct. 24; Copiah at Shady Grove, Oct. 25; Greene at Pine Level, Oct. 25; Jeff Davis at Society Hill, Oct. 25; Noxubee at Elim, Oct. 25; Yazoo at Yazoo City, Oct. 25; Wayne at Bucatunna, Oct. 26.

Laurel First Goes Forward

Even without a pastor, First church, Laurel, is carrying on in a fine way. Their church year began October first and the following officers have been elected to serve in the several places of responsibility:

Sunday school superintendent, M. M. Flowers; associate Sunday school superintendent, G. B. Landrum; chairman Board of Deacons, C. M. Leggett; church treasurer, C. T. Walters; church clerk, S. M. Boyette; church secretary, Mrs. Adrian Round; choir director, Mrs. Lewis Gates; organist, Mrs. B. F. Ogletree; Sunday school secretary, J. Wilson Buckley; B. T. U. director, Mrs. Adrian Round; associate B. T. U. director, Mrs. Roland Lewis; Board of Trustees, Joe L. Williams, chairman, J. R. Buchanan, Homer Denham; finance committee, E. D. Hurst, chairman, Harry Smallwood, Chas. T. Walters, W. M. Hunter, R. L. Alexander; ushers committee, W. W. Geer, chairman, Lavon Boyles, Paul White; house committee, Sam Lindsey, chairman, C. D. Hill, Mrs. C. T. Walters, W. W. Geer, A. L. Aymond; pulpit supply committee, L. H. Beverly, chairman, S. N. Lowrey, B. D. Casey; music committee, M. M. Flowers, chairman, Mrs. C. M. Leggett, Mrs. W. W. Geer, Mrs. T. Z. Whitehead; nominating committee, W. E. Conner, chairman, Mrs. C. H. Ferrill, Mrs. Dona Pettingill, M. M. Flowers, C. D. Boyd.

NEW PROSPECT CELEBRATES

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church has contributed over \$1,400.

Among the visitors from outside the county were: Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Reedy and daughter of Eupora; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hartley and daughter of Vardaman; Rev. Cooper Hartley of Clarksdale; A. D. Hall, C. G. Logan, B. O. Tubb and Oscar Miller of Eupora; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ballard and family of Caledonia; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jumper of Sulligent, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones and daughter of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Neely and Mrs. Ada Williams of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bourland and daughter of Starkville; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fulgham and son of West Point, and others.

Fellowship was enjoyed during the afternoon session when many made informal talks. The day was a great success and the church faces the future with hope.

—BR—

Rev. B. L. Cook of Lodi has been called as pastor of Wood Springs church, Choctaw Association. He has also been called for the third year as pastor at Stewart, Montgomery county. Pastor Cook writes that he hopes to have Wood Springs on the EVERY FAMILY list soon.

Mrs. Mattie Diffie of Bethel church, Tate county, in sending her renewal writes: "When one reaches the seventies you are on the evening side of life. I can't get along without the Record as I can't go to church as I once did."



Cuba Needs Christ

BAPTISTS in Cuba total about .2 of 1% of the population.

In contrast, Baptists in the South total 20% of the population—100 times as numerous in relation to the population as in Cuba.

Thirty-two missions and churches in Cuba are using rented houses and homes.

Some have worshiped in rented buildings for 25 years.

Suitable quarters for these 32 homeless churches and missions would cost \$250,000.

Other sorely needed property for educational mission work in Cuba would cost \$150,000.

At least 24 new missionaries are needed in Cuba in addition to the present force of 121.

Increased gifts to the Co-operative Program will make possible this expansion.

HOME MISSION BOARD

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Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Royal Ambassadors Focus Week Nov. 4-9

First, your counselor and Ambassador-in-Chief will want to face the week with open minds, ready to figure out what will be the finest plans of action for this Royal Ambassador Focus Week. You want to fill the week with those activities which will forward the missionary zeal of your membership. Hatred and vengeance, selfishness individually and in national thinking need the preventives of world-wide Christian love, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Knowledge of the life and circumstances of other people and other nations enlarges through mission program and mission study course, and will be invaluable as today's Royal Ambassadors grow into manhood, ready to reconstruct a broken world for Christ; so everything and anything that can enlarge the interest of our boys in missions should be done.

Our Order of Royal Ambassadors is primarily devoted to missions—to understanding the missionary message of the Bible, to coming to know intimately the great missionary heroes of yesterday and today, to learning conditions on mission fields home and foreign now, and to seeing the desperate need for many more missionaries and missionary-minded laymen tomorrow. If there is no Royal Ambassador chapter in your church, this week is an admirable time to get one started. If there are boys and young men in your church not enlisted in Royal Ambassadors, this week is the best time for interesting them. Ask your state W. M. U. young people's secretary to send you enough copies of "Is He Your Boy?" to distribute to the mothers of unenlisted or unorganized potential members of your Royal Ambassador chapter.

Check the Sunday school and church rolls and see what boys are not gaining the benefit of the Royal Ambassador plans and programs. It is a tragedy to have a large number

of junior and intermediate aged boys who are not vitally included in the Royal Ambassador activities. Enlist every boy. It can be done if you honestly want to. Plan a Royal Ambassador Conclave for your association, or for the chapters of several neighboring churches. It will be of great value to let each chapter enjoy fellowship with those of others. It will be helpful to new organizations to invite and urge boys and men from churches that do not have Royal Ambassador chapters to come to such conclaves also. Perhaps you will plan a father and son, or dad and lad banquet for such a conclave, or maybe a weiner roast or bacon bat will be more to the liking of your chapter. The fostering Woman's Missionary Union will surely want to encourage the organization by such hospitality. The Young Woman's Auxiliary members will help by fixing favors and programs the way the boys and men plan them. Use some of the attractive R. A. seals as decorations on the programs. (Order from W. M. U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; price, 15c a dozen or 100 for \$1.15.) But far more important than using seals and decorations is using boys. Plan with your pastor so that on the Sunday of Focus Week, the Royal Ambassadors can serve as ushers or gather the morning offering, or one or two can quote scriptures learned in their Ranking System work in lieu of the customary responsive or pastoral scripture reading. It would be valuable for the boys to sit in on a deacon's meeting, or meeting of finance committee, to see how the adult men of their church meet to pray and plan together. Then the adults could all serve this one time as the reviewing or examining council for seeing what the boys have learned or done in fulfilling the requirements of the different ranks.

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* SECOND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH ROYAL AMBASSADORS

This picture was taken in May on the occasion of a recognition service for those who had passed ranks in the year.

The pastor, Dr. B. B. Hilbun has always recognized the value and worth of missionary education for the youth. We always find a good

R. A. chapter in the churches of which he is pastor. He and his wife both give a great amount of time in counseling and leading their young people.

The entire church membership is justly proud of this splendid group of Royal Ambassadors.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

ACTIVITIES

The test of a Brotherhood is the work that it does. It is not a teaching agency like the Sunday school. Training Union. It is an agency to do work in and for the church.

The work of the Brotherhood might be divided into three types. One is the committee work. Certain committees are maintained at all times and their work is a regular and vital part of the Brotherhood program. Committees recommended are: worship committee, educational committee, stewardship committee, evangelistic committee, benevolence committee, extension committee. These committees, or similar committees adapted to the needs of any given church and community, have definite and constant duties at all times.

Another type of work is what might be called the general promotional work. By this is meant the work of all the men in the regular support of the whole program of the church, and the effort to enlist all the men of the church in all the work of the church.

Special Activities

In addition to the committee work and the general work, there are the special activities. This means certain tasks undertaken separately and for a definite length of time, like assisting in a religious census, or holding a banquet for the Royal Ambassadors. One of the greatest contributions that the Brotherhood can make lies in this field.

Undertaking one special task and succeeding at it, and having some form of appropriate recognition, gives a life and spirit to the Brotherhood that nothing else can give; and at the same time, this course renders a great service to the church and kingdom.

Some Specific Examples

The Brotherhood can sponsor a period of enlistment in tithing. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and church.

The men can promote emphasis on the family altar. A definite time should be set for this effort.

One Brotherhood conducts services

for keeping the records of the ranking achievements of each Royal Ambassador member. These are secured free on request from your state W. M. U. young people's secretary. There are two cards, each exactly right for fitting into a boy's billfold or purse. Each card carries requirements for three ranks—the first one is for Page, Squire and Knight; the second, for Ambassador, Ambassador Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary. To distinguish between the two cards when writing state leader, ask for number needed in the three advanced ranks by requesting High Ranking Royal Ambassador Record Cards. Both cards carry the R. A. shield which is so full of meaning to Royal Ambassadors.—World Comrades.

FOCUS WEEK SUGGESTIONS

A folder of splendid suggestions was mailed last week to all R. A. counselors by our state Royal Ambassador secretary, Mr. James Fairchild, Jr. Let's put our eyes on our boys as we plan and observe this Focus Week.

on the streets of their town each Saturday afternoon.

The pastor may call on the men to conduct a prayer meeting service in his absence from the field.

A program of visitation in connection with a revival meeting may be assigned to the organization.

Services may be held in neighboring churches upon invitation from the pastor or with his approval.

Some times a pastor has his men to conduct a regular church service. This requires a great deal of planning and preparation; but it is highly effective.

The pastor or other church leader may ask the men to furnish transportation for church representatives to an associational meeting.

The Brotherhood may sponsor special meetings—a banquet for Royal Ambassadors, a meeting for the discussion of self control with the boys of the community, a temperance meeting, a social hygiene meeting for the men and older boys.

Often the Brotherhood sponsors a campaign against certain evils that flourish in the community or threaten to flourish.

The pastor may assign the Brotherhood one special phase of the church life for special support during a month. This may be the evening service, the Sunday school, the Training Union, the prayer meeting, the revival meeting, the every member canvass, etc. The more the pastor calls on the Brotherhood to do, the better it is, reasonable limits only to be observed.

The men can sing in the choir on Sunday night.

A Brotherhood may sponsor Laymen's Day in the churches.

Services may be conducted in jails, hospitals, homes for the aged, etc.

Some Brotherhoods may volunteer their services, especially in the country, for repairing the church house, cleaning the grounds, building a pastor's home, or other such labor on property belonging to the church.

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Calvary Jackson Has Successful Enlargement Campaign

Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Southwide Baptist Adult Union director, was director of the enlargement campaign in Calvary Jackson church the week of Oct. 1-5. Every detail had been looked after in the preparations for this campaign. Director C. H. Cooper and his associates had been making plans for nearly a year, and success crowned their efforts. Dr. Hudson taught the adults; Mr. Ray Marston, director of education and music, Griffith Memorial church Jackson, the young people; Mrs. George Meek, director of the Intermediate department, First church, Jackson, taught the Intermediates; Mrs. Ray Marston, Training Union director, Griffith Memorial church Jackson, taught the Juniors; Mrs. Vergil Myers, Intermediate leader, First Jackson, had a class in the Intermediate Leadership Manual; Mrs. Nichols of Calvary taught the Junior Leadership Manual, and Mrs. Barney Walker, director of the Story Hour at Calvary had the Story Hour leaders in the Story Hour Leadership Manual. Plans were made to set in motion thirty-five units in the Training Union, four Story Hours, ten Junior Unions, seven Intermediate Unions, six Young People's Unions and eight Adult Unions. Twenty or more new leaders and sponsors had to be enlisted. Pastor Claud Bowen and Director Cooper were very happy over the results of the campaign. They say "We are not trying to 'beat' anybody, we just want to reach the 2,500 members of Calvary Baptist Church for training." The Sunday they led the state in attendance, having 364 as a total attendance.

McInnis Begins His Seventh Year As Associational Director of Lebanon Association

Staying by the job has proved its merits. Brother Garland McInnis, associational director of Lebanon Association, began his seventh year in this capacity the first of this month. He has had the cooperation of the churches and pastors, and in their quarterly mass meetings the attendance has run past the three hundred mark continuously. Bro. McInnis has some good helpers in the other associational offices, and if all are as good as the secretary, Miss Helen Trigg, we know they are par excellence. Every quarter we receive a good report of the work, and this report includes Training Union reports from the majority of the unions in the association. Fourteen reports came in from her for the last quarter's work. The unions bring their reports to the mass meeting and they are checked and then sent on to our office. In the last meeting which was held with the Providence church, they had 19 churches represented. There were 359 present to enjoy an excellent program. Banners were awarded as follows: Efficiency banner, Calvary Baptist Church; the mileage and attendance banners were both awarded to the Petal-Harvey Baptist Church.

September was a good month for Training Union work in Mississippi. Thirty-four (34) new unions were reported as follows: Story Hour 4, Jun-

ior 8, Intermediate 8, Young People 7, Adult 7. We issued 1,079 study course awards.

Union County Training Union Meets at Neely Memorial

Thanks to Brother H. H. Ward, associational pastor, for a report of the meeting of the Union County Associational Training Union. They met at Neely Memorial church, with an attendance of 225. A fine spirit was manifest and good plans were made for the coming year. A definite program of extension work was planned. The special meeting for Friday night, December 7, was emphasized, and a nominating committee appointed to suggest officers for 1946. Along with this report Bro. Ward sends request for study course awards for the Neely Memorial church, showing that along with other things he takes time to teach a study course now and then.

Newton County Has Clinic

The week of September 16-21 was one to be long remembered by those who had part in the special clinic held in Decatur, Newton capital, for Training Union leaders throughout the association. Eight churches were represented. Five of these had a good attendance of their leaders each of the five nights. They came from Union, Liberty, Providence, Newton and Decatur. Mrs. Walter L. Johnson and Miss Monte McMahon of Philadelphia, Miss Frankie Horton of Clarke College, Miss Louise Hill and Auber J. Wilds of the State Training Union Department, made up the faculty. The three leadership manuals were taught as was the Training Union Manual and B. Y. P. U. Administration. All were rejoiced with the fine cooperation given by pastors and churches. All due credit to Miss Frankie Horton, one of the associational officers, who was assigned the task of working up the clinic, for the success of the clinic. Leaders went back to their jobs encouraged and with new ideas to work out. They will repeat on a larger scale next year.

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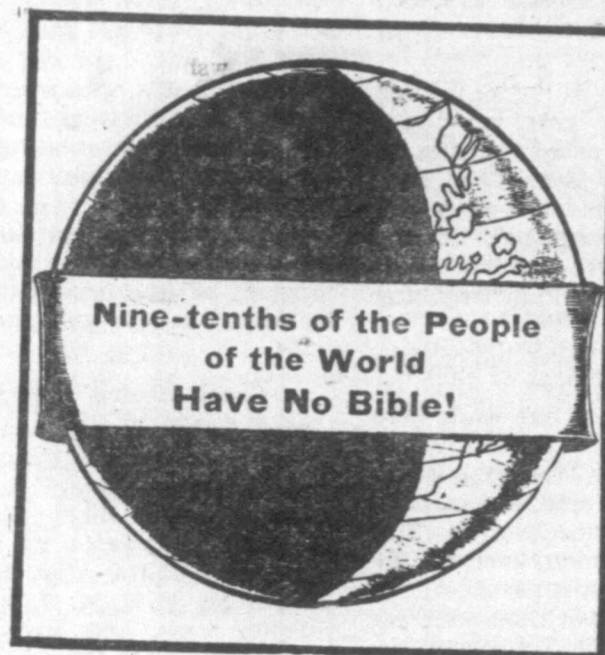
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State Mission Day

Sunday, October 28, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school. This is true every year the last Sunday in October. The purpose is two-fold: To educate and inform our people as to the place and importance of State Missions, and also to give an opportunity to make a special financial offering on that day to the cause of State Missions.

State Mission Day is the only time during the entire year when our Sunday schools are asked to make an offering exclusively for State Missions. At all other times they are urged to aid in every part of the program of the church and in all that Baptists do in their far-reaching program.

Yet, it is of such great importance that this special emphasis be given on State Mission Day to our work here in Mississippi. It is increasing all the time. Our State Mission program is becoming larger and larger each year and this is certainly right. The need is great in many ways. We have thousands of lost people within our borders. We have thousands yet unreached by the Sunday school, the Training Union, and other organizations of our church life. Many mission stations need to be established; mission Sunday schools organized; mission Vacation Bible schools promoted, and a program of aggressive and vigorous evangelism carried on in all sections of the state. Many associational missionaries should be employed, as a number have already done, and others contemplate doing soon. In fact, when we begin to try to enumerate all the needs it becomes tremendous.

Again, there is great need in our state for work among the Negroes and Indians, which is of ever-increasing importance. All of these add up to a most challenging program of missions for Mississippi Baptists. Therefore, every Sunday school should plan for a great State Mission Day on Sunday, Oct. 28, with a worthy educational feature to inform our people, and also plan for a large offering. Set goals by departments and classes throughout the school for the amount each shall give on that day. Let's strive to magnify the work of Christ in that State Mission Day program.

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air planes and Flying Fortresses, 22,631 New Testaments in waterproof containers for men adrift at sea.

—Issued for the prisoners of war in Europe and America 306,169 volumes in 40 languages.

—Inaugurated the nationwide Bible reading between Thanksgiving and Christmas, some 14,000,000 lists of passages reaching servicemen and their families.

—Launched a war emergency and postwar rehabilitation fund campaign for \$2,932,600 representing the most challenging opportunity ever facing the society.

—And yet had to leave unmet more opportunities for the expansion of the program of worldwide Scripture distribution than in any previous year.

Great Mission Opportunity

Mrs. Arthur Moody, capable leader of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, and for several years the principal of the Vacation Bible school of that great church, wrote us recently of some work of this kind that the city Federation of W. M. U. sponsored as mission work, and they plan such on a larger scale for next year.

Part of this mission program was Vacation Bible schools among the Negroes. In commenting on the work of one school, Mrs. Moody said, "Personally, I consider this week one of the greatest blessings in my life. I have never been more impressed than while standing before this group—more than 100—trying to see them through the eyes of Jesus Christ. They came to be shining black faces, but eager, precious souls to be won for Him."

Yes, indeed, this is one of our great opportunities and also a challenging responsibility. This is also a mighty good way to help race relationship.

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Mrs. Rosier Griffin has joined the list of helpers toward the 52,000 mark. She recently sent a list of 15 from Mt. Olive church, Lauderdale county.

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 22—Mrs. Dorothy Powell, Music Faculty of Blue Mountain College.

October 23—Rev. H. H. Aultman, Marshall County Convention Board Member.

October 24—Mrs. Harold Crowder, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent District 3.

October 25—Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, October 26—Rev. J. R. Reedy, Zion Association Convention Board Member; Mrs. Sallie Campbell, Office Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

October 27—Mrs. J. C. Stoker, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent District 3; Mrs. W. D. Smith, Assistant in Editorial Department Baptist Record.

October 28—State Mission Day in the Sunday Schools.

—BR—

Correction: On September 16 the attendance for the Summit Sunday school was 190 and not 109 as reported in The Baptist Record. This was a record attendance for the church.

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Messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets in Jackson, November 13-15, and who plan to stay in hotels are urged to make reservations at once. Jackson hotels are crowded and unless reservations are made well ahead of time many will be disappointed.

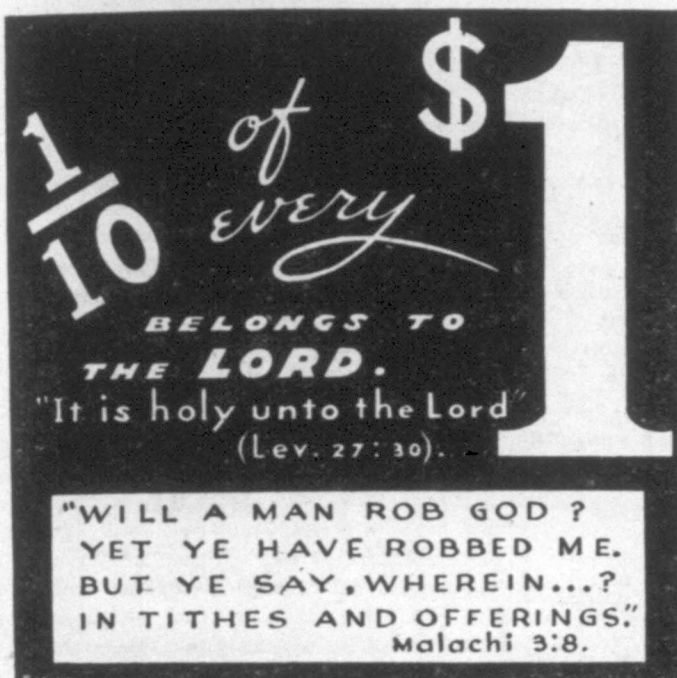
The following are leading hotels: Walthall, Heidelberg, Edwards, Robert E. Lee and Royal. Requests for reservations should be sent direct to the hotel.

Hotel rates are as follows: Walthall,

\$2.50 up; Edwards, \$2.25 up; Heidelberg, \$2.50 up; Robert E. Lee, \$2.50 up; Royal, \$2.00 up. The above prices are for single rooms with bath. Prices are cheaper for two or more in a room.

Many will be unable to get hotel reservations. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of First church, Jackson, and host pastor to the Convention, and the entertainment committee will have an announcement in the next issue of The Baptist Record concerning rooms in private homes.

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 Malachi 3:8.

all our possessions and ourselves simply as stewards entrusted with them for the time being? Have we recognized the ancient law of the tithe, which has never been abrogated, as the minimum measure of our financial obligation to the divine Owner? While condemning His people for omitting the weightier matters of the law, such as judgment, mercy and faith, Christ nevertheless commended their tithing assuring them that they ought to do this (Matt. 23:23).

In the light of the Scriptures quoted on this poster, just how do we stand? We can try to explain away these Scriptures or we can simply ignore them entirely and continue to use the Lord's tithe in satisfying our own

personal wants. But will that take care of the situation? Will that satisfy your conscience in this matter? If the tithe is the Lord's, designed to be used for His holy work and worship, then how dare we to transfer it to our own personal use? Let's think this over.

We readily recognize that honesty is the best policy in dealing with our fellow men (I am using the word "policy" in its best sense.) The same is preeminently true in dealing with our God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now, herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Seven new personalities appear in the Southwestern Seminary faculty this year. Mr. Cecil Hyatt in the school of theology; Mr. Ellis L. Carnett, Miss Sara Thompson and Mr. S. D. Johnston in the school of sacred music; Mrs. Alpha McDill, Miss Anna Bradford, and Miss Hazel Moseley in the school of religious education.

George County Association met October 12 with Agricola church. All churches were well represented with excellent letters. The association voted to ask the churches to build a duplex apartment for ministerial students at Clarke College.—F. Jeff Eubanks, moderator.

A unique feature of the annual installation service at Senatobia is the taking of a solemn pledge of faithfulness, taken in concert by those being installed. It adds much to the impressiveness of the service and tends to make the various leaders and teachers take their tasks more seriously.

Evansville church, with Rev. F. V. McFatrige, Coldwater pastor, preaching the associational sermon.



Warning to Church Music Committees

1. It is suggested that you watch very carefully the purchasing of a second-hand or used organ. Because of doing this, some churches have gone through very trying experiences. Some of these have come about through organ tuners. Also, because an organ has been used in a theatre does not guarantee that it will meet the needs of your church. To be sure that you are doing the best thing, consult an organ architect.

2. Be very careful about who works on your organ. Your organist, if she has served for several years, will usually know more about the organ than any other person in your church. Surely you will consult her, because after all she is the one who will play the instrument.

3. If you are considering buying a new instrument, get the very best you can afford. Purchase only the standard makes.

4. If your Department of Church Music can be of help to you in solving these problems, we shall be most happy to do so. Let us know your needs.

Your secretary enjoyed visits to Walthall, Jackson and Pearl River Associations last week and found a fine spirit in these places. In every section of our state there is a definite trend among the churches to a better music program. Five schools of music have already been scheduled for 1946 and requests for open dates are coming in. Our first school of music led by this department began October 14 with a group of churches in Pike county meeting with the Tangipahoa church. All churches expecting to have these schools should make their requests known as soon as possible. It is our policy to go to

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE October 14, 1945

	SS	BTU
Jackson, First	1,093	281
Jackson, Calvary	1,025	334
Jackson, Northside	192	54
Jackson, Daniel	155	75
Jackson, Parkway	542	195
West Laurel	473	130
Vicksburg, First	600	183
New Albany, First	511	223
Louisville	433	136
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	150	128
Pleasant Ridge, Union county	51	
Wallerville	97	53
Rocky Creek, George county	121	69
Houlka, Chickasaw county	75	40
Enon, Panola county	55	84
Wellman	64	77
Ackerman	132	
Winona, First	265	75
Crystal Springs	426	125
Centreville	161	63
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	586	278
Brookhaven, First	573	121
Bethlehem, Jones county	91	50
Liberty Hill, Panola county	105	92
Bruce	188	56
Spring Hill, Simpson county	52	36
Batesville	148	74
Byram, Hinds county	64	54
October 7, 1945		
Pinola	44	41
Decatur	253	112
Beaumont	96	51
Batesville	123	56

Tacoma Pastor Enjoys Paper Former Leaf River Church Member Writes

In a letter recently received from R. L. (Bob) Powell, pastor of a church in Tacoma, Washington, this former Mississippian expresses to D. A. McCall, business manager, and A. L. Goodrich, editor, his appreciation of The Baptist Record and the work of Mississippi Baptists in general. Dr. McCall visited Dr. Powell and spoke in his church on his recent trip from Alaska. Regarding the Mississippi paper, he says the following:

You are getting out the very best Baptist paper that has come to my desk out of all the Southern Baptist Convention. It is exactly what it should be, a real religious newspaper instead of a "shop bulletin." I like especially the fine, bracing way you have in the secretarial chat every week. You pack it full of "meaty," helpful food for thought, giving spiritual force to all of it. . . . The front page articles, "My Favorite Sermon," I have enjoyed. The idea is splendid, and printing the picture of the writer gives a better conception of the preacher. . . . The page that always gets a keen interest is "Sparks and Splinters," where you tell of friends I have not seen for years, some of the finest and noblest ministers in the world. . . . I love the people of Mississippi. Some of the dearest on earth are there. The soil is almost sacred to me, since my father and mother have their last resting places there. Dear old Leaf River church in Covington county is the beloved "home church" of this pilgrim traveler. However, I have been out west so long that they possibly would consider me a "foreigner" there now!

The letter brought with it a check for \$5 for a subscription to The Baptist Record for W. G. Custis, one of the deacons of his church, who had heard Dr. Powell tell of the content of the paper, and who wanted it to come to his home. The remainder of the money was to be used in mission work.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL, MISS.

Whereas Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Herring, having served as pastor and worker, giving themselves unselfishly to the cause of Christ in the Beacon Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi; and

Whereas, by their influence and example as Christian leaders, many were won to Christ and guided into paths of Christian living; and

Whereas, we shall miss them greatly in our church and community life; Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we the membership of the Beacon Baptist Church express to Bro. and Mrs. Herring our deep appreciation for their efforts in our behalf; and

Second, that we commend them most heartily to the membership of the Bridgedale Baptist Church, where they have been called as pastor; to the fellowship of the New Orleans Pastors' Conference, and to the faculty and student body of the Baptist Bible Institute; and

Third, that copies of these resolutions be sent to Rev. and Mrs. Herring, to the Bridgedale Baptist Church, the Baptist Bible Institute, the New Orleans Pastors' Conference, the Baptist Message and The Baptist Record.

DURBIN KIRKLAND,
 J. E. DICEY,
 MRS. HUNTER COLE,
 Committee.

Thomas P. Cason, treasurer of Phillip church, recently sent a club of five subscriptions. Every subscriber helps associational-wide schools rather than individual churches.

Tate County Association Observes Anniversary.

By H. L. Martin

Tate county Baptists celebrated the 25th anniversary of their association in the annual meeting which was held Oct. 11 at the New Hope Baptist Church. The churches presented good reports, were well represented and the New Hope ladies provided a bountiful repast at noon.

Special features of the meeting were the associational sermon by Rev. Claude L. Howe of Courtland, the inspiring address of Dr. D. A. McCall on our denominational work and the anniversary address by Rev. A. T. Cinnamon of Senatobia.

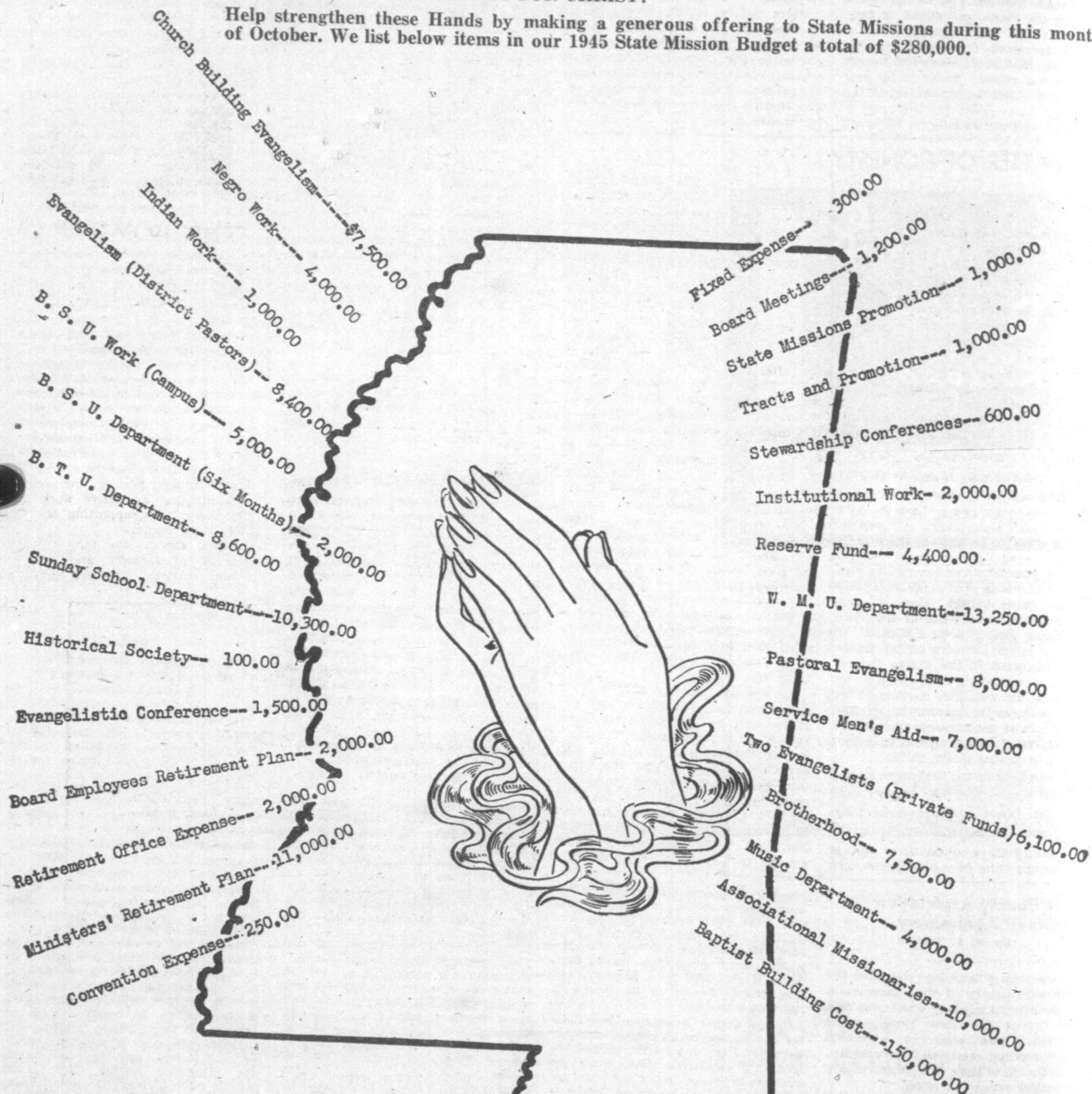
Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia was elected moderator; Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, vice-moderator, and Rev. F. V. McFatrige of Coldwater, clerk and treasurer.

The 1946 meeting will be held at the

STATE MISSION HANDS

State Mission Hands hold high the light of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in needy places throughout Mississippi. State Mission Hands minister to the races in our midst. They minister to the lost and to the saved. They minister to the untrained and untaught. They are reaching out for **MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST!**

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 21

MAKING THE HOME CHRISTIAN

Texts: Luke 10:38-42; I Cor. 12:31; 13:1-13; 14:1

Introduction.

Again the committee has made an unwise choice in the title of the lesson. We have here a picture of a Christian home, not the process of making the home Christian. Preserving the Christian home, or some such title would much better have suited the text.

I. The Home at Bethany. Luke 10:38-42.

The family consisted of three members: two sisters and a brother, all of whom at this date seem to have been unmarried. From the number of people who came to comfort the sisters on the occasion of their brother's death, I judge them to have been people of social prominence, while the costliness of Mary's offering to her Lord lends weight to the opinion that the family was possessed of considerable wealth.

But the glory of this family of three is that they provided a home for Jesus a little while later. He so sorely needed a home. He was poor, was our Lord; but there was one home near Jerusalem, the center of opposition to Him, where he was always welcome to make Himself at home. In every place where Jesus is known, or come to be known, there are some people who take a stand in the open for Him.

To this Bethany home came Jesus on His way to the cross, and the elder sister, Martha, welcome Him into the home, and immediately set herself to provide His food. The very best she had was none too good for Jesus, and the best manner in which she could serve it would be paying an honor none too high to Him who meant so much to her family. I have met a Martha many a time as I have gone on errands for my Lord. She keeps house so hard that she has scarce time to live. She can never learn that the Lord and the servants of the Lord regret to be of trouble to the hostess, and that they or any one of them would immensely prefer to have the hostess be quiet and talk of the goodness of the Lord, afterwards serve a frugal meal than have her neglect the greater of the word of God that she may feed her guests on dainty fare.

Mary did the better thing: left the material things to wait while she attended to the things of the spirit, the living Word of the living God. Mary chose the one really needful thing, that which neither time nor circumstance could wrest from her.

II. The Hymn of Christian Love. I Cor. 13.

Paul has been leading up to the wonderful passage recorded here by discussing the various gifts of the Spirit: prophecy, miracles, speaking with tongues. All these are excellent gifts of the Spirit, and were so recognized by the Corinthian Christians and Paul. The possessor of the various gifts were vying with each other and waxing warm in their contention as to which among the gifts were the greater. Paul sets none of them down as insignificant, but proposes at the

close of his discussion of them to show the Corinthians "a more excellent way." There follows his song of love.

1. Its importance. I Cor. 13:1-3. With the tongues of angels, but without love, "I am become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

2. Its character. I Cor. 13:4-7. Read the list of the characteristics: long suffering, kindness, joy in the triumphs of others, self-abnegating, humble, well-mannered, absence of self-seeking, refuses to fly up in a rage, does not nurture old grudges, takes no joy in unrighteousness, whether in the doing of it or the speaking of it, finds its joy in the wholesome truth. It is patient in trouble-bearing, lively and persistent in hope, patient in endurance.

3. Its persistence. I Cor. 13:8-12. Read the passage. It "never faileth."

4. Its preeminence. I Cor. 13:13. "The greatest of these is love."

5. Its challenge. I Cor. 14:1. "Follow after love." It comes forth from God and returns to God. Should you follow after love, you would go where love goes and arrive where love arrives. Do you wish to walk the good paths? "Follow after love." Do you want to go to heaven? "Follow after love."

These are the characteristics which distinguish the Christian home. It sets Christian discipleship above other interests and sits at the feet of Christ the Lord when clamant voices would call us to less worthy activities. And remember, as the housewifely duties which claimed the attention of Martha, so the interests that would wean us from discipleship to the Master may all be well and good in their place. There are good words to speak, good thoughts to entertain, good works to do, and these ought to claim

our attention and our performance when they, or any one of them is the best thing for us to do at the given moment. But the aim ought always to be to put the life's effort into the doing of the best possible at any given moment.

"Write me as one who loves his fellow man." Suppose Mississippi Baptists did that just now. But wouldn't that make a difference? Tell you what I honestly think: Let us love the Lord supremely, with all the heart and soul and mind and strength and our neighbors as ourselves and the rough places ahead would become smooth, factions would fuse into unity, and brothers would be knit in closer bands from the hills of the north to the gray sea sands, and the work of our hands would be established upon us, I ween.

—BR—

President Walter Pope Binns announced on Oct. 10 the completion of plans for the new administration building at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. The building is the gift of W. D. Johnson of Kansas City who has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1909 and its president since 1925. The building will be named the "John Priest Greene Memorial" for the man who was president of the college 1892 to 1922.

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CAREY COX

COMES TO HAZLEHURST

Mississippi Baptists are rejoicing with the Hazlehurst church in the securing of Carey E. Cox as their new pastor. He comes from Prattville, Ala.

The new pastor is a graduate of Mississippi College, class of 1934, and is a native of Georgia. He attended the seminary at Louisville. He was formerly pastor at DeKalb, Brooksville and Terry, in this state. In Alabama he was a member of the state board, and the executive committee. His church at Prattville during the last 30 months raised \$27,000 in a building fund, at the same time maintaining an active work locally and regularly supporting the Cooperative Program.

Mrs. Cox is the former Annette Brown of Jackson, and they have three children, two boys and a girl.

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Department Of Student Work

BSU Travelogue

On to Ellisville and to Jones County Junior College. Miss Mary Lou Gambelin, student secretary, and Miss Juanice Robertson, BSU president, had a well-planned retreat. Pastor Nichols and College President Young are most cooperative with student work there. In fact, your state student secretary has found no pastor in any college town who does not cooperate fully with the adjacent college.

Decatur Warrior College

Rev. Hogan, a strong BSU pastor, had the foresight to plan an excellent Student Center in the new educational building at Decatur. Miss Janie Sullivan, faculty advisor, and Dr. L. O. Todd, president, were most cordial in their welcome to an alumnus. Your student secretary will return to Decatur in a few weeks to teach the "Book of Methods" to the students of E. C. J. C.

BEE S. U. Delta State, Cleveland, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Charley Treadway played host to the Student Council of Delta State, your state secretary, and a SWARM of Bees. Miss Syble Stubbs, BSU president and council, with Pastor Treadway and Faculty Advisor Dr. Cagle, are planning big things for Delta State Baptist students this year.

Dr. T. Luther Holcomb and Dr. Frank Leavell: Featured Speakers at State Student Convention, Oct. 19-21 at Mississippi Southern

We are happy to announce at this time that Dr. Holcomb, executive secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School Board, and Dr. Frank Leavell, secretary of Southwide student work, both native Mississippians, will speak to the student assembly at Hattiesburg.

100 Students Join Church at Columbus First Baptist Church on Join the Church Day

In a colorful and spiritual array that would have thrilled the heart of any pastor, 100 students of M. S. C. W. completely encircled the church Sunday, Sept. 16. We rejoice with Dr. Franks, pastor of the church and state pastor-advisor of BSU, and Miss Marjorie McClellan, student secretary, in the fine way the work of the Kingdom moves forward there. Your student secretary addressed the college Sunday school assembly Sunday morning and preached Sunday night. Plans are under way and funds are beginning to come in for the construction of a new student center to replace the old workshop at M. S. C. W. Baptists could give to no worthier cause in our state.

Organize Baptist Student Union at Perkinson Junior College

Meeting with Pastor Fred Moseley and the faculty advisor, Prof. Gregory, a BSU Council was elected and instructed in their respective offices. Miss Ruth Graesar was elected president and will be supported by a strong group of young Baptist students. President May, a good Baptist deacon and president of Perkinson Junior College, is very anxious to obtain the services of a student secretary. There were ten additions by letter, mostly students, Sunday morning and night. Your student secretary addressed the student assembly

Friday morning, Sept. 21, telling of the work of BSU, and preached both services on Sunday.

Delta State Teachers College Holds B. S. U. Preschool Retreat

"Appointed for Christ" was the theme for the B. S. U. preschool retreat held at Delta State Teachers College, September 10-11.

Riley Munday, state B. S. U. secretary, delivered three addresses: "We Can When We Plan," "Be Still and Know" and "This is My Task."

The highlights of the retreat were the conferences held and the addresses made by students and visitors. The council spent the night in the pastor's home and had lunch Tuesday out at a canyon.

Others taking part on program were our president, Syble Stubbs; Dr. R. L. Caylor, sponsor; Mrs. Charles Treadway, Lela Couch and Dr. Charles Treadway.

Those attending the retreat were: Syble Stubbs, president; Riley Munday, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Treadway, Mrs. Reese Bowen, Dr. R. L. Caylor, Bobby Nell Henry, Willie Ruth Cleveland, Imogene Smith, Elizabeth Jones, Jean Ferguson, Merle Lewis, Catherine Teasley.—Imogene Smith.

BMC Pre-School Retreat

"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile."

Held at Dardens Lake, near New Albany, September 8-10, the preschool retreat of the Blue Mountain BSU Council proved to be a great success.

The theme of the retreat was, "And Jesus said to them," and the subject of every part of the program was some direct quotation from Jesus Himself. The beginning of the retreat on Saturday afternoon was mainly to impress the BSU Council with the purpose of the retreat and the spiritual needs of BMC campus.

Saturday evening we had guest speakers who enlightened and strengthened us with their interest and their messages. Dr. L. T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College, based his message on Jesus' words, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Our dean of students, Mrs. James B. Leavell, gave her devotion on Jesus' words, "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand," was the subject used by Rev. C. J. Smyly, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. The address given by Mr. David E. Guyton, history professor, came from Jesus' words, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

Other phases of the retreat included panel discussions, definite planning sessions, a campfire service, morning watch, song fests, prayermates, family altar, and recreation.

For Sunday school and worship services on Sunday the council visited the First Baptist Church in New Albany.

One of the things which helped most at the retreat and which will continue to help the BSU Council in working together this year is the fact that the retreat made it possible for us to be associated in a more understanding way.

With plans in our minds and confidence in God in our hearts, we left

Miss. College Paragraphs

By D. M. Nelson, President

A good meeting of interested friends of Mississippi College in Leflore county met at the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Friday night, October 5. Curtis Whittington and Graham Stuart are the co-chairmen of the Enlargement Program for that county and sponsored the meeting. Dr. E. J. Caswell, long time pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, presided. About half a hundred men and women were present, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Among those present were Dr. W. B. Dinkins, who was graduated from Mississippi College over fifty years ago (1893), who has graduated two splendid sons here, John W. (1923), and Quentin S. (1926); Mrs. W. M. Whittington (class of 1905), Curtis Whittington (1910-12), W. Graham Stuart (1922), C. J. Olander (1917) who now has a splendid son in our student body; Mrs. W. G. Stuart (nee Ruth White, Hillman), J. S. Hattox (1917), who was recently represented in the student body by a promising son; Prentiss Webb (1928), and B. T. Bishop (1932).

Mayor Leland Speed, of Jackson, made the principal address. He was accompanied to the meeting by J. A. Travis, Mrs. D. M. Nelson, and the writer. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stuart entertained the party with a delicious dinner in their beautiful home on Riverside road. Those present at the dinner party in addition to the out-of-town visitors were Dr. E. J. Caswell, Curtis Whittington and Miss Ann Peoples. After the refreshments, the party repaired to the church where Dr. Caswell in an appropriate manner presented the speaker, who emphasized the needs of our institutions and said, "If an increasingly large number of our people could be led to tithe, periodic campaigns in behalf of our institutions would not be necessary." Mayor Speed has been a great friend of Mississippi College. He has established a memorial of \$10,000 to his son, James Stewart Speed, who was taken while in his tender years. He has given freely of his knowledge and wisdom in investments of endowment funds; and, even though mayor of our city, with his hands full of his own administrative duties, he consented to be co-chairman with E. E. Laird in the recent successful drive in the city of Jackson for \$150,000 for the Enlargement Program of Mississippi College. May friends for Mississippi

Dardens Lake on Monday morning conscious of Jesus' words, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Those attending the retreat were: Dot Lee Jefferson, Inverness; Mary Tom Berry, Philadelphia; Mary Anne Durham, Itta Bena; Bettie Gene Sauer, Owensboro, Ky.; Lucy Bassett, Louin; Corrine Griffin, Laurel; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Oxford; Mrs. Bertron Hollowell, Olive Branch; Blanche Ellen Darr, Georgetown, S. C.; Joyce Tyler, Picayune; Kikuno Miyagi, Magee, Ark.; Sarah Wages, Blue Mountain; Elaine Caldwell, State College; Julia Mae Martin, Meridian; Betty Jape Watts, New Orleans, and Eleanor Langston, Starkville.

—ELEANOR LANGSTON.

Pvt. Johnnie L. Pigg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Pigg, Rt. 1, Lena, Miss., has been in service since Nov. 1, 1944, and has been in Germany for the past four months. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and Fort George C. Meade, Maryland. He was attending Good Hope high school when called to service. He is a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church.



Mississippi College like him multiply!

Mrs. W. M. Whittington (nee Anna Ward Aven), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Aven, who gave so much to Mississippi College so long, was the first woman to be graduated from Mississippi College under Baptist ownership and control. She was graduated at the head of her class in 1905. She was not only highly regarded and respected for her brilliant mind and scholarship, but also for her grace and charm and transparent every-day living. After finishing Mississippi College, she went to that great college for women, Bryn Mawr, in Pennsylvania, where she continued her brilliant record as a student, being graduated with high honors.

Congressman W. M. Whittington, her distinguished husband, of the class of 1898, has served the delta district in Congress with great distinction for twenty years. He is chairman of the committee on flood control and under his able leadership greater advancement has been made in this vital and important field during his period of service than throughout the entire history of the movement. By many students of Congress, he is ranked as the most far-seeing and ablest statesman in her halls. Recently he authored and piloted through the House an important measure. So ably did he present it that it passed the House unanimously; and he received publicly the encomiums and praise of Democrats and Republicans alike. Mississippi College has another congressman in the person of Dan. R. McGehee (class of 1903), of the 7th district. It is rather unusual for one little college to furnish two of the seven members of Congress at the same time.

Mrs. Aven, the mother of Mrs. Whittington, who walked so long with the beloved and sainted Dr. Aven, has been making her home with her daughter for many months, because of illness. Mrs. Aven, along with dear Dr. Aven, was the inspiration and help of several generations of Mississippi College men. Mrs. Aven has the distinction of organizing and directing the first Glee Club of Mississippi College. Multitudes there are who have been blessed by her touch and inspired by her noble Christian character. May she soon be able to be among us again! (Editor's Note: Mrs. Aven died on October 14.)

With Curtis Whittington and Graham Stuart in charge of the Enlargement Campaign in Leflore county, we have no misgivings or fears. Watch for the returns on Leflore county!

OUR FIRST TASK

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Use it widely. We continue the discussion below.

Ministry of Tracts

Through State Missions Mississippi Baptists have been sending out floods of gospel tracts, not only to every section of the state, but by request into other states, and other countries around the world. Many words of appreciation have come to the Convention Board office for this service rendered. Service men in foreign countries have repeatedly written words of appreciation for the refreshing gospel message from these tracts. Approximately 750,000 tracts are being sent each year. A request sent to Baptist headquarters will bring to any worker free tracts on all subjects dear to Christians. One may ask for samples on whatever church phase they wish to stress, and leaflets will be mailed without charge.

Evangelists

The work of State Mission evangelists has long been accepted by the churches, and calls for revivals in all sections keep them busy. Communities who cannot "pay a preacher" can have revivals by asking for the evangelists to come to them. Requests should be made far in advance, however.

Sunday School Department

The entire work of the Sunday school department, including salary and traveling expenses of State Secretary E. C. Williams and field workers and office help is supported by State Missions. There are on record more Sunday schools in the state than there are churches, due to the fact that many strong congregations foster extension schools. However, there are many communities where there is no Sunday school and where the need is urgent for the teaching of the Bible. A widespread summer program is fostered in which Vacation Bible schools are held in countless communities, where great evangelistic success is recorded each year. Extra field workers are used to make as wide use as possible of the vacation months. The forming of a Sunday school as an extension from the main church often leads to the constituting of a church in a community, and this is most desirable.

Study course workers are available to any church asking, to teach any of the books in the Sunday school course of study. There is no cost to the church outside entertaining the workers while in the community and buying the books used. State Missions provides the rest. The Sunday schools once a year take an offering for State Missions. Stress should be laid on this offering, especially in view of the fact that State Missions supports the department's activities.

Help Build Houses of Worship

Had you ever thought you have been building church houses in many places in Mississippi? Through State Missions you have! Over a period of years, numbers of Mississippi Baptist churches have been helped in the erection of their buildings. In 1944-45 there were approximately 30 calls for help on buildings which were granted by the committee in charge of allocations for this work. Regular blanks for application for help are secured at Baptist headquarters by churches needing aid. A committee of the State Board reviews these and

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recommends to the board, which votes the amounts allocated.

Training Union

Baptist Training Union is one of the most effective departments maintained under State Missions. The salary of the secretary, Auber J. Wilds, and all the field workers, the office secretary's salary and all other expenses are paid for through the State Mission department. The need is tremendous in the Training Union activities. There are only approximately 750 churches out of 1,500 which have the director and general B. T. U. organization. There are slightly more than half the churches only, which have some kind of Training Union or Story Hour. This means that the new members gained present a marvelous challenge for the Training Union leaders in the Centennial Crusade and following it.

Soldiers' Service

At centers in the state where camps are located, and in areas where the war workers have been crowded on projects, efforts have been made to provide help for local churches in expenses and personnel to care for their added opportunities. Centers have been maintained for service men with emphasis on evangelism and friendly Christian atmosphere where the local churches have felt it was feasible. Many wonderful testimonies of blessings in this work have come. Fred Langley does outstanding volunteer

JUST SUPPOSE—

With a certain church in the northern part of the state, zero weather and heavy snow came during the revival. Thirty to forty attended, and three were saved. While this meeting was conducted, some criticized the State Mission evangelist and said, "It is too cold and out of season to have a revival meeting now." Yet the some persons went over 30 miles to a ball game Wednesday night, returning about 1:00 o'clock a. m. On Thursday and Friday nights they went about 20 miles to a picture show. One of the three saved that week went to meet her Lord in April. Suppose we had waited till the "August revival time" to go there?

work here. Letters by the thousands are going weekly to loved ones of men killed and wounded, all signed personally by the secretary and carrying tracts and the Word of God.

Brotherhood Department

J. H. (Jimmy) Street, popular young pastor, was chosen as the new Brotherhood secretary, and began his work in the spring. From the beginning he was given a hearty reception by the Baptists of Mississippi, and while the work is new, and he must blaze the trail, leaders predict a successful organization of the manpower in the churches. Secretary Street will have headquarters in Jackson, with the address, Box 530, Jackson 195, Miss. He will be available for Brotherhood promotional work, study courses, institutes, schools of missions, and some revival work, as well as preaching every Sunday. Cooperation with him can mean that Mississippi will take her place among the southern groups in Brotherhood work.

Music Department

The committee on this work hopes to announce within a short time, the name of the new music director for the work in Mississippi. This work will have to do largely with planning schools of music for local churches, visiting churches and conducting mu-

sic institutes designed to teach worshippers to sing well the great old hymns of the church, and to train in appreciation of really good church

GOD BLESSES COUNTRY CHURCH

In our recent revival meeting with a certain church, there were eight additions, four coming by baptism. Weather was bad and roads were too bad to use cars three of the six days of the revival. We went to church in wagons and never missed a service except Sunday morning when it was very stormy. That day we conducted services in the home where I was placed for the week and another family came in for this service. They bought 50 new Broadman Hymnals in a country church and paid cash for them. They gladly accepted the every family plan of The Baptist Record. Thirty-three families, in a country church? Yes! It can be done when they have a pastor like the one they now have.

music. He will specialize in those areas where the need is greatest and where the least help is given along this line, rather than in well developed churches with paid ministers of music. "Singing schools" will be held in communities where people desire them, without cost to the churches.

Minister Retirement

Mississippi Baptists are helping ministers to prepare for the day when they will no longer be able to serve in active work, through the Ministers' Retirement Plan. The minister pays three per cent of his salary, the church pays three per cent and State Missions pays the remaining two per cent for this excellent "insurance" against the day of inactivity. The earlier a minister enters the plan, the larger his payments per month will be upon retirement, since payment is based on his earnings. This is said by many competent people to be superior in benefits to the Social Security act promoted by the government. Mississippi has already accumulated a reserve of \$60,155, in the Dallas office, the headquarters of the Relief and Annuity Board, as of December 31, 1944, according to the auditor's report, March, 1945.

The following shows the standing of Mississippi pastors as of March 15, 1945: Number of pastors in the plan, 355; number of churches in the plan, 571; number ministers receiving monthly annuities, 15; number receiving disability checks, 2; number of pastors' widows receiving monthly annuity checks, 3.

Every young pastor should be a member of the plan for: (1) Protection in case he becomes disabled; (2) to provide him annuity of appreciable size when he retires at the age of 65. (Delay in joining means reduction in the amount of annuity.) Information blanks may be secured from D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Every church in the plan should keep up its payments on the amount of their pastor's salary, even when they are pastorless, since this fund goes into the work, and is necessary for the payment of the annuity and the relief checks sent out every month. It is as truly mission work as to take an offering for aged ministers.

Miscellaneous

Other items, the cost of which is borne by State Missions are the Historical Society, board meetings, printing and other fixed expenses.

WHAT SHALL THE ANSWER BE?

When we receive pleas similar to the ones, excerpts from which we print below, our hearts long to answer every one. Shall we give SO LIBERALLY to State Missions and the Cooperative Program that every plea made in all of Mississippi can be answered?

The following are selected as samples of the calls which come:

Why does not someone send a missionary to the sharecroppers —, in fact in many places in the delta? If we get real hungry, Uncle Sam helps us out. But we never go to church, our children would not know how to act in a Sunday school. We are not able to pay a preacher to come here. We have no church house. While you are busy with far places, why not go out in the highways and cotton patches and compel them to come into the fold, like the Bible says go? It does not say for sinners to go, but for you to go and preach the gospel.

Of course the town people would gladly let us go to their church, but we can't get there. We have no way to go. It is too far for the women and children to walk. We can't "pay," but why don't you do something? We never hear a sermon or a song or prayer.

It is up to you to do something. Please act.

If you could afford to do some missionary evangelism this spring or summer, you could find no territory with greater possibilities than here. According to the religious census, we have 524 possibilities for Sunday school and equally that for the church.

In another community there are 5,000 Baptists. They have no church. Recently there were 80 people in a home service.

The need for a hospital ministry is great. A man was at a government hospital for two months. (It is an institution with 2,000 patients.) Not a Baptist preacher visited him during the whole time. Catholics and Presbyterians came. One patient was heard to say, "I am against the whole church situation."

Shall we allow sick people to feel neglected, when Jesus said, "I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."—Matthew 25:36.

SOME NEEDS

High School Evangelism

An evangelist who was formerly a school man, and who is vitally interested in the youth of the state, has declared that the public schools offer a staggering challenge in the field of evangelism. He has found in some sections of Mississippi that members of student bodies, above 10 years of age, sometimes average almost 50% who have never made professions of faith. In other places 10% are not Christians, and all between these two, various percentages are found. The responsiveness of the boys and girls, and in many places the interest of the teachers make a fine combination for a live, wide-awake preacher to win scores to "remember the Creator in the days of their youth." It is estimated by this evangelist that there are 250 communities in Mississippi where the spiritual advantages are not proportionate to the educational. Evidence of the fact that when a dynamic message is presented by a speaker who loves youth and loves the Lord, results come, is seen in one community where there were 135 professions of faith in one

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student body during a series of services.

What shall Mississippi Baptists do about this marvelous opportunity, when the majority of the boys and girls are probably from Baptist or Baptist inclined families?

DIFFERENT SABBATH NOW

One Sunday afternoon we visited a home with seven children in the family. The father and eldest son were hauling in hay. No, it wasn't raining. The hay was ready. Father, mother and eldest son were Baptists. Yes, no mistake. Within one mile of this home were 12 other homes. None of these attended church. During the next five weeks, one to three days each week, we spent visiting in these homes, reading the Bible, praying and winning their confidence. A Sunday school was organized, enrolled 60; prayer meeting started, average attendance 25. Several from this group have been baptized and others will be. Those who gave to State Missions share in this work.

Baptist Students in State

Colleges

One of the greatest opportunities confronts Mississippi Baptists in the spiritual ministry needed for students of the Baptist faith attending state schools. Approximately one-third to one-half of the student bodies frequently claim Baptist membership or preference. This constitutes a mighty challenge to provide a strong ministry for strengthening our youth who are seeking professional training. At the University of Mississippi at Oxford, in normal years it is said that at least 500 students express preference for or alliance with Baptist churches. These students are frequently in the law school, the medical school, the engineering school or are preparing to teach. Post-war expansion will intensify the urgency of the needs.

At State College at Starkville, the average enrollment for the Baptist constituency will reach 750 students in normal seasons. In the days after the war, when great expansion is to be expected, the challenge here will be tremendous. Many of the boys who will be leading in the rural communities where they will own and operate farms, and many men in the mechanical and electrical, as well as the engineering fields will be trained on this campus. A large percentage of these will be men who have returned from the war zones.

At Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, more than one-third of the student body frequently is listed as preferring the Baptist church, or are members.

At Mississippi Southern approximately 500 Baptist boys and girls will attend school, in the normal course of the year.

At Delta State Teachers' College at Cleveland, there is always a large Baptist group, some of whom hold places on faculties of the public schools of the state, and many more will teach. It is readily seen that the wonderful opportunity to touch this multitude of future moulders of public opinion throughout Mississippi is challenging. Conservative estimates will show that more than 2,000 Baptist boys and girls will be studying on the campuses of state schools in normal times. Shall we accept this challenge, and provide a suitable Baptist center with a spiritual leader-

ship in charge at every one of the state schools?

This does not touch on the staggering opportunities at the junior colleges, where there will be thousands of Baptist students. Shall we answer this challenge for the junior college campuses, also?

Through State Missions we are able!

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

A challenging undeveloped field lies before Mississippi Baptists in which no religious workers are serving consistently, from any denomination, as far as we know. That is colportage work. This could be made effective, and a real evangelistic force. There are vast areas in our state along the rivers, bayous and in the lowlands, as well as in the remote districts where hundreds of families are living in almost unbelievably meager conditions. Bright faced children and adults lonesome for friends inhabit the little homes, and eke out their hard existences through dawn-to-dusk labor. The right Baptist man, with a vision of the real worth of every human personality could, in a truck furnished with good books, Bibles and free tracts, visit and win many in a year's time. Shall Mississippi Baptists enter this open door, and go to "the uttermost parts" of our state and preach the gospel to every creature? We believe that this new ministry would not only be very worth while, but that it could be made in a large way self-supporting after a short time.

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Many people believe that a great summer assembly could be used to advance the cause. Discussion has been held many times as to the proper location and scope of such a work. Many states do find the summer assembly helpful.

Prophetic?

The following words may sound like prophecies for the future. The years will tell whether or not they are prophetic. Along with the good things, Mississippi's rural communities will be flooded with commercialized "amusements" operated for profit by their promoters. Farm homes, which in the past have been able to select their activities and maintain a sweet simplicity in family life, may find that easy transportation and television have moved them to Hollywood, Broadway or Harlem! If some of the broadcasts even in present days point to what may be expected in the future, private homes will be open to all the "slush and slime" confined to burlesque halls in a past generation. Some of the so-called "better" radio programs introduce without apparent shame things that are definitely distasteful to decent people, and are obnoxious to Christians with growing children in their homes. Already an occasional person advocates that rural high schools teach ballroom dancing. With rural electrification, "road houses" will dot the countryside in easy reach of any community. Flying over to Paris for "week-ends" may be the problem instead of driving to Memphis or New Orleans! Growing industrialism will bring new conditions to our former pastoral state. Indeed a recent survey shows that industry has "over balanced" agriculture in Mississippi. With the close of the war many of these industries

will remain in our bounds, engaged in peace time manufacture.

A tendency spreads even among church people to speak of "week-ends" instead of the Sabbath day.

In Mississippi, the churches will face a greater challenge than at any day since that brave band floated down the river and landed among the moss draped trees in the Natchez country imperiled by wild beasts, savage tribes and disease! True, the present challenge is of a different nature—and possibly far harder to combat. Who can say?

But "He Who Guides Israel Will Neither Slumber Nor Sleep." And if Churches Rally to Meet the Future in the Might of the Lord of Hosts—

Live close to Almighty God.

Study His Book.

Fulfill conditions to claim His promises.

Make houses of worship beautiful and comfortable, no matter how small.

Win all who are old enough to know good from evil.

Train them in unions dedicated to developing stalwart Christian soldiers.

Unify the men in strong Brotherhoods devoted to every cause of Christ.

Strengthen the women in all their good work.

Make churches the center of good music uplifting to the soul.

Guide youth to attend Christian

colleges to sit at the feet of men of faith for their education.

Lead all members to practice Acts 1:8.

Plan weekly programs of recreation for young and old which are uncompromisingly Christ-centered church-controlled.

Then pastors and people, united in loving service will have a full time

NEW CHURCH THRIVES

There were 93 families on one project, 80% of them Baptists. Due to government rules at the time, no denomination was able to build its church on the project. So at the edge of the project a Baptist church was organized, with five members. The membership grew in six days to 43 and in just a few weeks 25 others were saved and came in by baptism. In 1944 the membership was 185 with full time work and a good pastor. Through many tribulations the charter members passed, with the blessings of the Lord on their efforts. State Missions paved the way.

job of such thrilling possibilities that the days will be too short to accomplish all they planned to do, and "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against that church!

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Athens church, Simpson county, has gone to half time and has called Rev. W. J. Hemby as pastor for an indefinite time.

DOXOLOGY!

Our hearts rejoice at facts revealed in the latest report of Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Southwide statistician, showing important gains. We indeed rejoice over the reported gains in baptisms.

Mississippi Gains and Losses—1944

Items	1943	1944	Gains & Losses
Associations	75	73	2 Loss
Churches	1,571	1,556	15 Loss
Ordained ministers	1,070	1,061	9 Loss
Baptisms	11,693	12,189	496
Church members	307,817	315,083	7,266
Sunday schools	1,411	1,412	1
Sunday school enrollment	140,298	144,185	3,887
Training Unions	2,453	2,538	85
Training Union enrollment	39,069	39,864	795
W. M. U. organizations	1,911	1,990	79
W. M. U. contributions	\$ 240,099.65	\$ 247,207.55	\$ 7,107.90
Church houses	1,522	1,503	19 Loss
Pastors' homes	272	285	13
Value of church property	\$10,421,123.00	\$11,088,352.00	\$667,229.00
Gifts local	2,195,351.04	2,655,674.23	460,323.19
Gifts to missions, etc	660,689.33	801,472.73	140,783.40
Total gifts	\$ 2,856,040.37	\$ 3,457,146.96	\$601,106.59

Rev. E. M. Bilbo, Hattiesburg, has organized three churches in that association and led in building movements for everyone. He is now in the midst of a fourth such program.

During the past year Calvary church, Greenwood, had 91 additions, 21 for baptism. The present membership is 519. Total contributions for the year were \$9,739.

WESTERN UNION

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

DR. D. A. MCCALL

BAPTIST BUILDING, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

BECAUSE OF URGENT NEED ON THE PART OF MILLIONS OF PERSONS IN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION THAT WE MAKE KNOWN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF MILLIONS IN EUROPE AND THE ORIENT WHO LACK THE BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND THAT WE URGE THESE OFFICIALS TO GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THESE DISPOSSESSED EVEN IF IT MEANS THE CONTINUATION OF SOME SHORTAGES IN THIS COUNTRY ALSO THAT WE RECOMMEND TO OUR DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS THAT THEY SPONSOR A CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT CLOTHES AND HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHURCH COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION.

M. T. RANKIN AND GEORGE W. SADLER.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

LEBANON ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lebanon Association met with Main Street church, Hattiesburg, Rev. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor. Officers elected were: Moderator, Dr. T. P. Brown; vice-moderator, Rev. N. J. Lee; clerk, Rev. T. A. Sumrall.

"The Kind of a Church I Want" was the subject of the excellent sermon by Rev. T. A. Sumrall, pastor of Immanuel church. It will be published in condensed form in a later issue of The Baptist Record.

We commend to all other associations (some do) the plan for a digest of church letters. A committee composed of Rev. C. S. Moulder and C. B. Wigley had secured all the church letters and prepared a mimeographed report. The report showed 319 baptisms; 826 additions by letter; total membership 8,839; Sunday school enrollment 4,667; BTU enrollment 1,417; local expenses \$190,112; Co-operative Program \$27,544; building fund, etc., \$73,059; designated gifts \$20,872; tithers 740; total contributions \$240,838; Baptist Record subscribers 1,742.

Record readers in Lebanon Association are now listed as follows: BROOKLYN 54, Camp Shelby 13, CENTRAL 55, GLENDALE 46, HATTIESBURG FIRST 459; FIFTH AVENUE 195; 38TH AVENUE 59; 28TH AVENUE 30; Immanuel 3; McLaurin 18; MACEDONIA 38; MAIN STREET 529; Maxie 1; PETAL 172; Providence 11; RIVER AVENUE 55; ZION HILL 45; CARTERVILLE 43; DIXIE 32; Calvary 8; GREEN'S CREEK 60; Big Level 21; PERKINSTON 40; WIGGINS 92; HICKORY GROVE 45; LUMBERTON 108; ORAL 43; PURVIS 176; RICHBURG 24; SUMRALL 34; Calvary 12; BAXTERVILLE 24; MILITARY 24; New Hope 1; GREENVILLE 34.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Liberty Association met with Center Grove church, Lauderdale county. John S. Morgan is pastor. It rained all morning, but the house was full. The dinner was up to the usual high standard of the Liberty Association.

Officers elected were: Rev. John S. Morgan, moderator, and Charlie Morgan, clerk.

Rev. A. W. McGrew of Livingston, Alabama, preached the sermon and it was helpful and inspiring.

We were given a good place on the morning program to present the Co-operative Program and the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Liberty Association Baptist Record readers are listed as follows: CENTER GROVE 10, BUCATUNNA 15, Center Ridge 2, PLEASANT GROVE 29, PLEASANT HILL 14.

CLARKE COUNTY

No finer dinner will be served to any association than the one served by Pastor W. L. Meadows and the good women of Quitman to the Clarke County Association.

Every church except one presented

their letters at the morning session. Elim church of the Liberty Association was received into the Clarke County Association.

Officers elected were: Rev. D. L. Stennis, moderator; Rev. W. L. Meadows, vice-moderator, and J. E. Shirley, clerk.

Clarke Association is always generous and courteous to state workers. They gave us a good spot on the morning program to explain the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record and another good place in the afternoon to represent the Convention Board.

Clarke county now has Record readers listed as follows: ENTERPRISE 74, HARMONY 35, Knight's Valley 1, MT. ROSE 45, MT. ZION 27, PACHUTA 43, Pine Hill 11, PLEASANT GROVE 29, QUITMAN 100, SHUBUTA 18, SOUENLOVIE 27, STONEWALL 125, DESOTO 33, OAK GROVE 19, Northrup Chapel 3.

WAHALAK CHURCH IS NUMBER 787

Believing that a good start is half the battle, recently re-organized Wahalak church starts out with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Pastor Joe Abrams writes: "Wahalak church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan at its first service yesterday afternoon following its re-organization. We have 21 members and eight families. I inclose their names."

Kemper county now has Record readers listed as follows: BAY SPRINGS 30, BLUFF SPRINGS 22, CENTER RIDGE 24, DEKALB 45, Friendship 1, Porterville 1, Scooba 18, BLACKWATER 34, West Kemper 1, Corinth 1, Vardaman 3, LIBERTY 20, WAHALAK 8.

CENTER GROVE IS NUMBER 785

Liberty Association Church Has EF Plan

Pastor Works While People Eat

Rev. John S. Morgan is pastor of Center Grove church, Liberty Association, Lauderdale county. At the recent meeting of the Liberty Association, Rev. John S. Morgan, pastor of Center Grove church (Lauderdale county) worked while others ate. He was contacting members of the church and enlisted most of the families as Record readers.

Stone Writes About Chaplains

In a letter to the editor regarding the recent article in The Baptist Record by Chaplain D. M. Nelson, Jr., John A. Stone, of Meridian, has written urging that all ministers serving in the present war should continue to keep in touch with the veterans after they return to pastorates. We quote a few sentences from his letter:

As a veteran of World War I, with nearly 12 years' service in the navy, it was my very pleasant experience to serve with many chaplains of the type of Chaplain Nelson and I heartily agree with all he says regarding the influence of a chaplain over the men in his command, even over the meanest men in the crew. They respected him for his convictions, and while perhaps he was not able to convert them to the Lord,



HERBERT BATSON
COMES TO CLINTON

Herbert Batson of Lumberton, who has recently come to the Clinton Baptist Church as minister of religious education, succeeds Rev. Benny Loyd, who has gone to Kentucky as student secretary at Berea College. Mr. Batson was active in church work for some years as a layman while working for the Farm Security Administration. After studying at Baptist Bible Institute, he became assistant to the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Alabama. The Clinton Baptist Church is looking forward to a larger and more comprehensive religious education program under the leadership of Mr. Batson.

Deerbrook Church Organized

Dr. John F. Carter, Louisville pastor; Deacon Earl Halbert of Brooksville, and R. D. Pearson, pastor at Macon composed the council for the organization of a new church in Noxubee county. There were 13 charter members and the name chosen for the new church is Deerbrook church, located eight miles east of Brooksville.

Eight new members received into the church will be baptized at Macon by Pastor Pearson, who conducted services in the community for five nights recently.

Harvey Haggard has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and C. H. Butler, church clerk.

Building and pulpit committees have been appointed. The church expects to build an adequate place of worship and hopes to secure a pastor soon.

they were better men by having known him.

The tragic point I want to bring out is the fact that so many chaplains of World War I, after their discharge from the service, seemed to forget their former comrades and shipmates. This is borne out by the very few World War I chaplains who affiliated themselves with their former comrades and shipmates in the American Legion and other veterans' societies coming out of that war. . . .

It is my sincere hope that the chaplains of World War II will keep up their contact with the men they fought with. May the young chaplain, when he is discharged from the service, affiliate himself immediately with his home Legion post and continue that wholesome Christian influence with his former comrades and shipmates. If they will do this, we will have a better world and many, many thousands of lost souls will be brought to Christ.

Mrs. A. J. Aven Dies In Greenwood

In the passing of Mrs. A. J. Aven Mississippi Baptists mourn the loss of one of the most useful women in all our history, and every worthy cause has lost a great advocate and leader. For more than fifty years she was the inspiration and companion of one of the best loved and most useful men who ever served the cause of Christian education in Mississippi College.

Coming to Clinton when Mississippi College was struggling heroically for existence, she entered into every phase of the life of the college, community and church. She organized the College Glee Club and made it a prominent factor in the life of the institution. She was the moving spirit in the church choir for many years. The Woman's Missionary Society of Clinton always looked to her for leadership. The Mississippi College chapter of the U. D. C. was her pride, and she its champion for many years. The church absorbed most of her energies and was blessed by her constant devotion. She was a devoted attendant at all its services, a teacher in the Sunday school and participant in all its activities.

But her interest was not confined to the local church and community. When it became impossible for Mrs. Adelia Hillman to continue as president of the State Woman's Missionary Union, the Baptist women of Mississippi turned instantly and instinctively to Mrs. Aven. She had already demonstrated fine qualities of leadership and in this office she found the place for the development and exercise of the talents given her by the grace of God. As a presiding officer she was never excelled among the members of this organization. But simply presiding was not her chief excellence. Her planning of the work, securing cooperation of all elements and her presidential addresses at the Conventions showed the finest judgment, clearest insight and broadest Christian vision.

It is not surprising that she was kept in this office for many years, and that the growth of the organization, including many departments, was one of the chief achievements of Baptists in Mississippi. The expansion of the mission work, the increase in offerings are the marvels of our Baptist history.

Her family life was ideal. Her home was the embodiment of piety and excellent taste. The devotion of husband and wife was heightened by mutual admiration and esteem. The Baptist Church at Clinton will be indebted to Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Aven as long as time shall last. The home was blessed with only one child, now Mrs. Anna Ward Aven Whittington, wife of Congressman W. M. Whittington, who was nurtured in the faith of Christ and manifests His spirit. There are three grandchildren.

The character of Mrs. Aven may be summed up in the words descriptive of Daniel: "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him."

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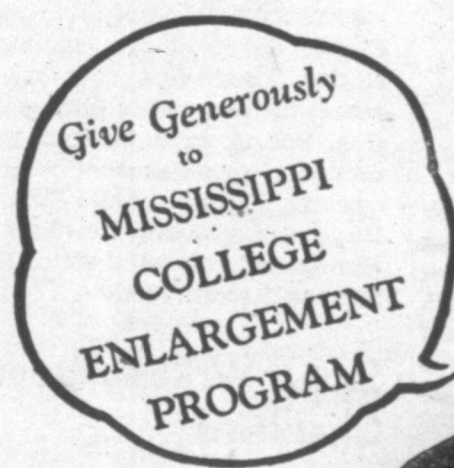
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